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This month's front cover . . .

Yes, of course, it is the Greeks who provide the acrobatics on yet another occasion. The Doxa goalkeeper (centre) makes a splendid leap to clear his lines in the game against AEK in Athens last year. With such typical custodian agility it was not surprising that the game ended in a goal-less draw, and for the Greeks that means two points each! (Keystone.)

what to look for in next month's edition

The April issue of "World Soccer" brings us nearer the finals of the World Cup in Chile. To this end Eric Batty will continue his series on the men behind the World Cup teams and Gordon Jeffery will be nearing the end of his feature on the achievements of the World Cup contestants. River Plate, the Argentinian team, will be featured in our club focus and our usual correspondents Eric Batty, Jerry Weinstein, Kenneth Wolstenholme, Roger Macdonald, etc., will contribute to the issue. Place your order now to avoid disappointment.

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Glimmer of hope for the Belgians

THE Belgian national team gave their supporters a fine present in defeating Bulgaria 4-0. Earlier, of course, the Bulgarians had qualified for Chile by eliminating France after a play-off.

Looking back over the season there was the honourable defeat in Frankfurt against the West Germans 1-0 in which the attack was poor and this same weakness showed up in Paris shortly afterwards in the 1-1 draw with France. Then came the disastrous reverse in Holland.

Defeat in the World Cup qualifying matches by Switzerland and Sweden was disappointing but slowly there seemed to be signs of improvement in the side. It marked the turn of the tide in fact (writes Raymond Debisschop).

France were only saved from humiliation by goalkeeper Bernard as the Belgians won the return 3-0. Then revenge was gained at the expense of the Dutch before the Bulgarians were dispatched in impressive manner.

These three last great successes have opened up distinct possibilities for the future since it has been the quality of the reserves and young players which has brought about this position of achievement.

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It has been an honour for Arthur Ceulers to have inspired the wonderful team spirit of the Belgians but praise must also be given to the tenacity of Constant Vandenstock in his efforts at bringing together a winning team of this nature.

With these two people who have won the confidence of the Belgian people plus the brilliant youngsters they have gathered to them, Belgian football seems to be in for a period of considerable prosperity.

An interesting item concerning the match with Bulgaria at the Heysel concerned the state of the ground itself. The day before the game selector and technical manager Constant Vandenstock forecast that the pitch would be hard and frosty. He summoned shoemaker Mr. Van Laethem.

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Belgium (2) **4** (Van Himst 2, Stockman, Jurion)

Bulgaria (0) **0**

Belgium: Nicolay; Bare, Raskin; Hanon, Storme, Verbiest; Jurion, Van Himst, Stockman, Vandenberg, Paechen.

Bulgaria: Naydenov; Racarov, Metodiev (Kitov); Dimov, Mimitrov, Kovachev; Diev, Velichov, Iliev, Koler, Yakimov.

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Egypt (1) **1** (Badawi, I.)

Austria (0) **0**

Egypt: Heikal; Mustafa, Panagili; Rafaat, Selim II, Badawi II; Riad, Badawi I, Selim I, Taha, Effat.

Austria: Frayd; Trubrig, Hasenkopf; Dipl.-Ing. Hanappi, Windisch, Oslansky; Flogel, Ocwirk, Buzek, Hamerl (Vichbock), Rafreider.

Spotlight on European Cup

INTERNATIONAL POST-MORTEM

Dec. 14:	Chile	... 0	Hungary	... 0
Dec. 17:	Ghana	... 5	Nigeria	... 1
Dec. 23:	Uruguay	... 1	Hungary	... 1
Dec. 24:	Belgium	... 4	Bulgaria	... 0
Jan. 4:	Egypt	... 1	Austria	... 0

Senekowitsch (Austria) fires in a tremendous shot on the volley which soared over the bar. This photo was taken during an international between Austria and Russia. Other players in the picture are: (right to left): Chusainov (Russia), Hanappi (Austria), Petrov (Russia). (O.)

INTERNATIONAL POST-MORTEM

Each month on these pages we go back over the major internationals played since the last issue. The particular games featured are indicated at the head of the article for quick reference.

by GORDON JEFFERY

DECEMBER to February is ever a quiet period so far as International matches are concerned. This year it seems even quieter with the end of the flurry of World Cup Qualifying Matches and most of the qualified countries engaged in making preparations for their March to May period of loosening-up before the finals themselves in June. The present lull before the storm, however, gives us in WORLD SOCCER the ideal opportunity to devote a couple of pages not to an *International* Post-Mortem but to an *Inter-Club* Post-Mortem—on the European Cup for Champions.

Before passing on to this, however—and to keep the record up-to-date—we might glance quickly at the more obvious implications of the few International matches that have been played since the last post-mortem. Hungary, continuing their Latin American tour, played a second match with Chile and one against Uruguay in addition to a number of matches against clubs—as Penarol whom they beat by four goals to three. Last month, you will recall, we reported upon Hungary's crushing 5-1 defeat by the Chileans. The score when the two countries met again a week later was very different—nil-nil—and this does suggest that it did not take Baroti long to decide upon the best tactics to adopt in play against Chile and, if the second result against Uruguay is brought into reckoning, against South American national teams in general. As the Soviet Union had proved a month before, the South Americans find it difficult to penetrate a defensive wall—equally, however, neither the Russians nor the Hungarians discovered a ready passage through their opponents' defence! And what is of greater significance with the World Cup final matches in mind, is that the Hungarian players themselves in their first match against Chile were slow to change their tactics during the game itself. There will be, to point the lesson, no second chances in the World Cup Finals and the edge will usually be with the country having the clearer insight into their opponents' strengths and weaknesses—*before the whistle blows.*

Implications

The remaining three International matches have no direct World Cup implications except that Bulgaria's fall in Brussels can scarcely have added to what hopes the Bulgarians may have of doing well in Chile. Not that Belgium are to be despised. I recall ending my review four months ago with a reference to Belgium's three-nil win over France and went on "if they gain confidence from this match Belgium could throw over some of the indecisiveness that has frustrated their play recently. They are due to play the Netherlands in Amsterdam around the time these words appear in print—the result might show whether they have."

In fact the result of the Belgium-Netherlands match—a four-nil away victory for the Red Devils did confirm that confidence was returning and the further four-nil win over Bulgaria endorsed this. The disappointment in Belgium can only be that had the qualifying matches been due for 1962 instead of 1961 probably they, and not Switzerland, would have reached the finals. Their consolation can be that theirs is a young side and one that can feature prominently into the 1966 competition.

Ghana's win over Nigeria was in line with their World Cup form and the time when countries like Ghana play more than a walking-on role in major tournaments may be closer than many of us have thought. Ghana after all were only narrowly eliminated by Morocco (0-0 and 0-1) and Morocco (admittedly playing better than they had done before) almost held their own against Spain. Even the final match in our list—Egypt 1 Austria 0—is a hint that just as Britain had in time to acknowledge that many of their European pupils had caught up with the master, just as Europe have had to accept parity with the South American nations, the African and Asian countries will in time reach major ranking in world football—perhaps within the next two decades.

And now from countries to clubs but, in the intense rivalry of the European Cup competition, of clubs that have to assume a considerable amount of national prestige. There are 32 countries in the UEFA—the Union of European Football Associations—and it is evidence of the wide interest in the European Champions Cup that the leading club of all except four (Albania, Iceland, Wales and the Soviet Union) entered for this year's competition. The full list in alphabetical order of countries was:

AUSTRIA	Austria FC
BELGIUM	Standard Liege
BULGARIA	CDNA Sofia
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	Dukla Prague
DENMARK	Odense
ENGLAND	Tottenham Hotspur
FINLAND	Valkeakosken H.
FRANCE	Monaco
EAST GERMANY	ASK Vorwarts
WEST GERMANY	FC Nurnberg
GREECE	Panathinaikos
HUNGARY	Vasas
N. IRELAND	Linfield
REPUBLIC IRELAND	Drumcondra
ITALY	Juventus
LUXEMBOURG	Spora
MALTA	Hibernian
NETHERLANDS	Feyenoord
NORWAY	Fredrikstad
POLAND	Gornik
*PORTUGAL	Sporting
RUMANIA	CCA Bucarest
SCOTLAND	Glasgow Rangers
SPAIN	Real Madrid
SWEDEN	IFK Goteborg
SWITZERLAND	Servette
TURKEY	Fenerbahce
YUGOSLAVIA	Partisan

*Portugal had, of course, a second representative in the holders, Benfica.

Twenty-eight names went into the hat for the Preliminary Round draw and, much to the annoyance of some of the big fellows facing an early exit from this profitable competition, the two clubs fortunate enough to join Benfica, the holders, with byes taking them directly into the First Round were both from minor countries—Valkeakosken Haka from Finland and Fenerbahce from Turkey. The other smaller clubs were less fortunate in so far as further progress in the competition seemed likely in that they were without exception drawn against "big" clubs and never against each other.

It was not surprising therefore that Malta's début-entry Hibernian, Ireland's pair, Linfield and Drumcondra, Norway's Fredrikstadt, Luxembourg's Spora, Panathinaikos of Greece and CCA Bucarest of Rumania all bade a quick farewell to the European Cup for 1962. For the first five it was a case of entire defeat with no necessity to worry about goal aggregates. The eight thousand

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THE EUROPEAN CUP — Full details and results up to date.

PRELIMINARY ROUND		FIRST ROUND		QUARTER-FINAL DRAW
SERVETTE (Geneva) 5 (Robbiani 2, Georgy 2, Nemeth) **Hibernian** ..... 1 (Sultana)	**Hibernian** (Malta) ... 0 15,000 **Servette** ..... 2 8,000 (Robbiani, Wulthrich)	**Servette** ..... 4 (Fatton 3, Robbiani)	**DUKLA PRAGUE** 3 26,000 (Adamec 2, Vacenovsky)	
CDNA (Sofia) ..... 4 (Rankov, Rakamov, Jakimov, Romanov) **Dukla Prague** ..... 2 (Kucera, Safranek)	**DUKLA PRAGUE**... 4 45,000 (Kucera, Adamec, Borovicka and o.g.) **CDNA** ..... 1 20,000 (Rankov)	**Dukla** ..... 2 (Kucera 2)	**Servette** 0 13,000	**Dukla Prague** v. **Tottenham**
IFK Goteborg 0	**FEYENOORD** ..... 3 5,400 (Bouwmester, Tenning Bennaers)			
Feyenoord ..... 8 (Bouwmester 4, Bennaers, Schouten, Tenning 2)	**IFK** 2 45,000	**Feyenoord** ..... 1 (Kreyermaat)	**TOTTENHAM H.** .. 3 64,000 (Saul 2, Jones)	To be played Feb. 14 at Prague Feb. 21 or 26 at Tottenham
Gornik (Zabrze) ..... 4 (Michalek 2, Pohl, Wilczek) **Tottenham** ..... 8 (White 3, Jones 3, Dyson, Blanchflower)	**TOTTENHAM H.** ... 2 70,000 (Jones, Smith) **Gornik** ..... 1 57,000 (Pohl)	**Tottenham** ..... 1 (Dyson)	**Feyenoord** ..... 1 45,000 (Bennaers)	
ASK VORWARTS ... 3 (Kohle 2, Wirth) Second Leg not played.	**Linfield** 0 18,000	**ASK Vorwarts** ..... 1 (Kohle)	**GLASGOW RAN.** 2 18,000 (Caldow, Brand)	
Monaco ..... 2 (Hess, Douis) **Glasgow Rangers** ... 3 (Christie 2, Scott)	**GLASGOW RAN.** ... 3 6,000 (Scott 2, Baxter) **Monaco** ..... 2 75,000 (Hess 2)	**Glasgow Rangers** ... 4 (MacMillan 2, Henderson & o.g.)	**ASK Vorwarts** ..... 1 1,800 (One o.g.) (at Malmo)	**Glasgow Rangers** v. **Standard Liege**
STANDARD LIEGE 2 (Dierendonck, Paeschen) **Fredrikstad** 0	**Fredrikstad** ..... 1 42,000 (Borgersen) **Standard** ..... 2 21,000 (Claessen 2)	**STANDARD** ..... 5 (Claessen 3, Paeschen, Dierendonck)	**Valkeakosken H.** ... 1 37,000 (Kumpulampi)	To be played Feb. 7 at Liege Feb. 14 at Glasgow
VALKEAKOSKEN HAKA—Bye		**Valkeakosken** 0	**Standard** ..... 2 51,000 (Semmeling and o.g.)	
Spora Luxembourg ... 0	**ODENSE** ..... 6 4,000 (Rasmussen 2, Lofquist, Brunn, Hansen and o.g.)			
Odense ..... 9 (Lofquist 5, Rasmussen, O. Andersen 3)	**Spora** ..... 2 9,300 (Scheer, Leer)	**Odense** 0	**REAL MADRID** ... 3 30,000 (Puskas 2, Tejada)	
Vasas (Budapest) ... 0 **Real Madrid** ..... 3 (Tejada, Di Stefano 2)	**REAL MADRID** ... 2 85,000 (Tejada 2) **Vasas** ..... 1 80,000 (Machos)	**Real Madrid** ..... 9 (Di Stefano 3, Del Sol 2, Gento 2, Puskas, Isodro)	**Odense** 0 64,000	**Real Madrid** v. **Juventus**
Sporting (Lisbon) ... 1 (Lucio) **Partisan** ..... 2 (Radovic, Vislavski)	**PARTISAN** (Belgrade) 1 35,000 (Vukelic) **Sporting** 0 40,000	**Partisan** ..... 1 (Vasovic)	**JUVENTUS** ..... 2 35,000 (Nicole, Rosa)	To be played Feb. 14 at Turin Feb. 21 at Madrid
Panathinaikos ..... 1 (Papaemmanouil) **Juventus** ..... 2 (Nicole, Rossano)	**JUVENTUS** ..... 1 25,000 (Mora) **Panathinaikos** ..... 1 65,000 (Kolevas)	**Juventus** ..... 5 (Mora 2, Nicole, Rosa, Stracchini)	**Partisan** 0 14,000	
FENERBAHCE—Bye		**Fenerbahce** ..... 1 (Can)	**FC NURNBERG** ... 2 20,000 (Strehl, Flachenecker)	**FC Nurnberg** v. **Benfica**
FC NURNBERG ... 5 (Strehl 2, Gettinger 2, Muller) **Drumcondra** ..... 1 (Fullam)	**Drumcondra** ..... 0 43,000 **FC Nurnberg** ..... 4 15,000 (Strehl 3 and o.g.)	**Nurnberg** ..... 1 (Wild)	**Fenerbahce** 0 46,000	
CCA Bucarest ..... 0 **Austria** ..... 2 (Stotz, Nemec)	**AUSTRIA** ..... 0 50,000 **CCA Bucarest** 0 40,000	**Austria** ..... 1 (Stark)	**BENFICA** ..... 1 83,000 (Augusto)	To be played Feb. 1 at Nuremberg Feb. 22 at Lisbon
BENFICA—Bye		**Benfica** ..... 5 (Santana 2, Aguas 2, Eusebio)	**Austria** ..... 1 55,000 (One o.g.)	

Note: All results to be read across and not down.

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spectators who watched Hibernian's second leg match at home to Servette could, however, feel proud of their local heroes who, after losing the first leg by five goals to nil, were only beaten by the odd goal in three. And if any were not too impressed at the time I hope they noticed that Dukla Prague also went down to Servette in the first leg of their First Round tie. They recovered, of course, to win the second leg by two goals to nil and to earn on aggregated scores the right to play against Tottenham in the Quarter-finals.

Both Panathinaikos and CCA Bucarest came close to surprise victories in a competition where, largely because the ties are played in two legs and without the sudden death danger of a legitimate Cup competition, surprises are few. Playing at home Panathinaikos held Juventus of Italy to a one-all draw whilst, also at home, CCA had a goalless match with Austria. Nor did Juventus and Austria give their home supporters much to cheer about in the home legs although, by 2-1 and 2-0 respectively, they did scrape through.

Austria's interest ceased in the First Round, however, against the holders, Benfica. Benfica, like the Portuguese national team, have been weakened through the absence of that fine centre-half, Germano, and they did well to draw one-all in Vienna against Austria before a vast crowd in the region of 83,000. Then, playing better than they had done at any time since winning the Cup last year, Benfica simply tore into the Austrian club defence in the second leg for a really striking five-one victory. Benfica have now to play the West German champions, FC Nurnberg, in the Quarter-finals, and the Germans have been far from impressive in their previous European Cup matches. They played their preliminary round matches against Drumcondra very early in the season and won them both, but had to struggle hard to get a one goal in three advantage over the Turkish club, Fenerbahce. There was an unusually long interval between the first and second leg and the latter was not played in Nuremberg until the first week in December although the "deadline" for First Round matches had been fixed for November 30. And when the match was played, despite their ground advantage the German champions again played uneasily and were glad enough to hear the final whistle blow with themselves leading by the single goal scored in the match.

Tottenham's task

Tottenham were another club to give their supporters a shock when they were beaten 4-2 by Gornik in the First Leg of their Preliminary Round tie with the Polish champions. This was, however, Tottenham's very first bite at the deceptively rosy European Cup apple and it was unfortunate for them that they had one of the longest of possible journeys to make before making their début, and that they had to play against a club about which they had even less awareness than the average British clubs have of non-British clubs! Fortune, however, soon returned to smile upon the Spurs and against a Gornik missing, through injuries sustained in the first leg, two of their best players, the English club rattled in eight goals to the Poles' one—although that one, scored by Pohl, was itself as good to see as almost any goal is likely to be in the entire competition.

Tottenham's eight goals was not the highest club total in a match this season. Feyenoord (themselves to be beaten by Spurs in the next round) also scored eight against IFK Goteborg whilst, still in the Preliminary Round, Odense after winning 6-0 in Luxembourg, scored nine against Spora in the home-leg—and that after the little Luxembourg club had sprung into a two goal lead!

Large crowds

Real in the Preliminary Round had faced stronger opposition in the Hungarian club, Vasas. Even so, before crowds topping the eighty thousand in both games, they were comfortable winners and must be favourites for this year's competition. I am sure Eric Batty was correct in his analysis a few weeks ago (in either *Soccer Star* or WORLD SOCCER) that Real are leaning heavily these days on Puskas and Di Stefano. The absence of either or both of those rare players could alter prospects considerably for their European Cup opponents. Tottenham, on the other hand, if they can clear their next hurdle would be able to call upon the services of Jimmy Greaves for subsequent matches and that would considerably enhance their prospects. But Dukla Prague for all that they have made heavy weather of their matches against CDNA and Servette are a formidable side blessed with two splendid wing-halves in Masopust and Pluskal and may prove just too good for Tottenham.

Strictly this is a Post-Mortem feature—a survey of matches that have been played and I am tempted to play safe and ignore the crystal ball. On the other hand, whereas at the time of writing no quarter-final matches have been played, by the time this issue appears on the bookstalls in mid-February five of the eight legs will have been played.

Footnote: I have just received some details of the South American counterpart to the European Cup that are interesting in that, one presumes, the ultimate winners of the two contests will meet to decide the unofficial world club champions. The South American club "champions" have been placed in three groups for the preliminary matches and dates fixed as follows:

GROUP A

February 10:
Union Catolica (Chile) v. Champions of Ecuador.
February 14:
Union Catolica (Chile) v. Millionarios (Colombia).

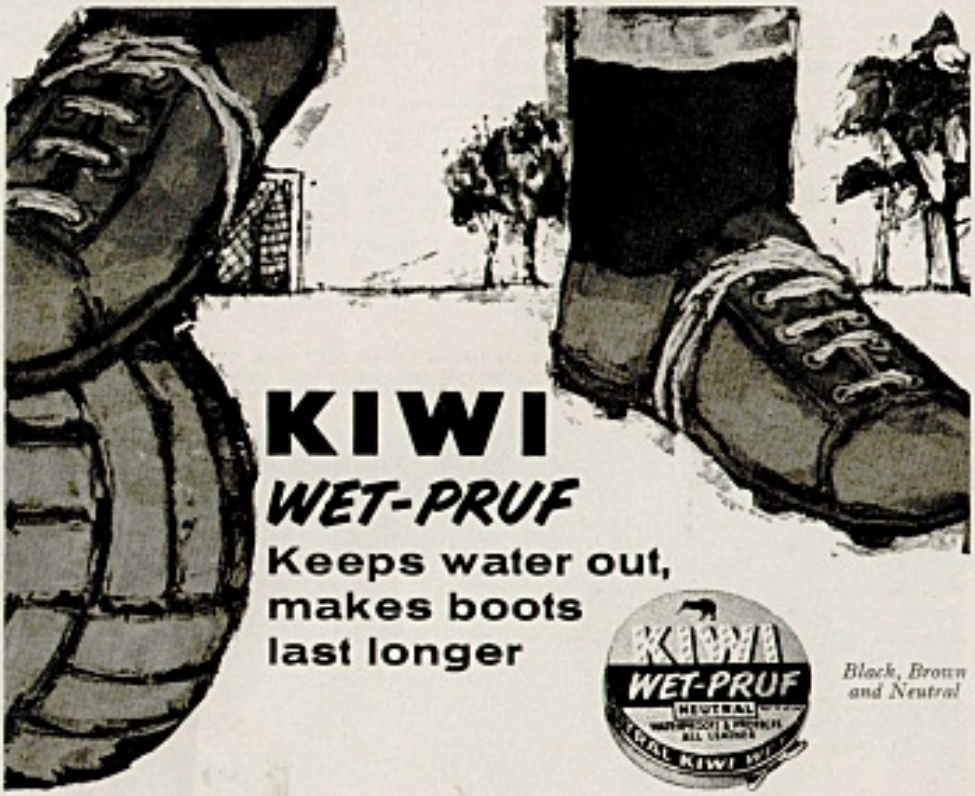
GROUP B

February 12:
Champions of Bolivia v. Cerro Porteno (Paraguay)
February 15:
Cerro Porteno (Paraguay) v. Champions of Bolivia.
February 18:
Champions of Bolivia v. Santos (Brazil).
February 22:
Santos (Brazil) v. Champions of Bolivia
February 25:
Cerro Porteno (Paraguay) v. Santos (Brazil)
February 28:
Santos (Brazil) v. Cerro Porteno (Paraguay)

GROUP C

February 10:
Nacional (Uruguay) v. Sporting Cristal (Peru)
February 14:
Racing (Argentina) v. Sporting Cristal (Peru)
February 17:
Sporting Cristal (Peru) v. Racing (Argentina)
February 20:
Sporting Cristal (Peru) v. Nacional (Uruguay)
February 25:
Nacional (Uruguay) v. Racing (Argentina)
February 28:
Racing (Argentina) v. Nacional (Uruguay)

My informant has not mentioned Penarol, the holders and Uruguayan champions, but I assume they will join the three group-winners in the semi-finals. More information about this and the results of the earliest of these matches will, I hope, be available for inclusion in next month's South American Commentary.



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These plans do not seem useless

WHEN the Football League Management Committee finally released their proposals for the reorganisation of the professional game their effort was met with a fair share of praise but at the same time considerable criticism. Now, of course, the Football League is used to being criticised and such a step as the voluntary suggestion of an improvement to their own set-up from within was bound to come under heavy fire.

Yet the most surprising feature of the reception concerned the actual proposals. These, in effect, were of a semi-revolutionary nature (to a country where no one really believes there was a Civil War). Had the reforms put forward been of a mild nature, you might have expected a severe blast. But most of the critics appeared to think that some of the points were too revolutionary! What was it that chap Lincoln said once?

Of all the items the most distasteful seems to have been the idea to extend the season to the end of May to allow for the fitting in of any matches postponed during bad weather. Cricket lovers have practically all but declared war (well perhaps Cromwell did exist, who knows!) on the Football League Management Committee.

Minute problems

Since the problems which beset soccer are minute compared with those confronting county cricket, this is perhaps understandable. But what on earth would have happened if a winter break had been mooted, I shudder to think.

Naturally having fostered the Football League Cup, the Committee wish to give it a better chance in life. Running in at the beginning of the season *comme* Scottish League Cup would solve two problems. First it could enable soccer starved fans to attend early autumn games with a League Cup flavour and by pushing the League programme until late in the season, this would help to stimulate interest in the League competition until the end of the term.

The reduction in the number of teams per division and increased promotion and relegation to four up and four down throughout are both aimed at the same idea: that of streamlining the system. Naturally there is a price for this overhaul. Some of the freedom of the clubs will go. Since the Committee "want" all clubs to enter the League Cup and frown on friendlies that could detract from the League competition, those clubs who are known to be opposed to the League Cup and who have refrained from entering are not likely to view the matter with pleasure.

English Review

by STUART SHAW

Internationals have been made to take no pride of place over the interest of League clubs, but at least days have been specially put aside for such games. Due allowance is made for the various European club competitions in existence.

On the whole the scheme is sound in principle and deserves to be given the confidence of the clubs as failure to act will surely represent the difference between success and further demise for the game at this level.

Also at this time of the year there are the exciting F.A. Cup-ties which bring all the glamour of the game in the finest competition of its kind in the world, personified in the guise of the ticket touts. Apparently these influential gentlemen go from strength to strength each year and soon the Football Association may be applying to any one of them for a re-allocation of their own Cup Final tickets.

From the game's angle, the champions Tottenham seem to have regained some of their poise and could still retain the "double". Jimmy Greaves has proved a fine acquisition but on the occasion that John White has been absent through injury much of the effect has been obvious. But then that is a fault often attributed to greatness. Real Madrid in the days before Alfredo di Stefano moved "up the hill", practically all the attacks stemmed from him. Now, of course, Del Sol is the man who matters in Spain. Tottenham have Danny Blanchflower approaching the age when he seems less ruffled behind a pen than behind the ball, and of course he shares the "brain-work" with White.

Burnley could still halve Tottenham's hopes in the championship direction but of the other contestants Everton will have to improve their away form before extending any chances of their own success in this direction.

Naturally the League competition takes a back seat at the moment while the F.A. Cup reaches its most absorbing stage. One of the features of this season's competition has been the increase in attendances at these games. Of course it is somewhat misleading to quote individual cases round by round as this serves no real purpose of comparison. It depends on "who is playing whom", "and where". Those clubs who normally attract large crowds give the picture a disjointed outlook if they are drawn at home. But it is also true to say that the overall picture shows that attendances are up and this is a healthy sign.

Those minnows

Norwich City, who have been quite quiet in the Second Division, reached Round Five by disposing of Ipswich, while lowly placed Charlton Athletic gave hint of better fortune by gaining an away tie with Aston Villa. Weymouth, the last of the gallant "giant-killers", bowed out to Preston North End—themselves not enjoying much success but renowned for their Cup exploits in the days gone by. Another surprise was the dismissal of Sunderland by Port Vale—the 1954 "minnow champions".

Finally the draw for the World Cup has given England a fair chance of reaching the quarter-finals. Argentina represent the biggest stumbling block but second place will ensure a crack at the semi-finals. At least Jimmy Greaves has been "called-up" for preliminary duty and all hope has not been lost for Gerry Hitchens in Italy when final selection is made for Chile.

England outside-left Bobby Charlton hits one of his famous "cannonball" shots despite being surrounded by Mexican defenders. This shot was in the back of the net before the goalkeeper could move a muscle. It was Charlton's third and England's seventh. It is hoped that England can recapture the form they showed in this match in time for the World Cup. (P.A.2.)

ROGER MACDONALD *gives us an insight to the European Nations Cup, the second of which is now enlarged.*

Victor Ponedelnik, Russian centre-forward dances with glee as another of his shots defeats the Argentinean goalkeeper to put Russia two goals up against Argentina during their November 1961 tour of South America. Russia won 2-1 on this occasion. (Planet 1.)

YOUNG TROPHY OF EUROPE

THE European Nations' Cup was finally born at Stockholm in 1958, but it had been conceived as long ago as 1927. For it was in June of that year that Henri Delaunay, Secretary of the French Football Federation, proposed the organisation of a competition to the F.I.F.A. Congress at Zurich—only to see it overshadowed by its big brother, the World Cup, and finally still-born in the face of political and financial difficulties.

Delaunay died two years before his dream could be realised, but France saw to it that his name would not be forgotten. When the European Union of Football Associations met in Stockholm, the President of F.F.F., Pierre Pochonet, presented U.E.F.A. with a magnificent trophy and proposed that it should carry the title of "European Championship—Henri Delaunay Cup", in recognition of his services to the game. His proposal, carried almost unanimously, promised the beginning of a new era in European football.

Teething troubles

The new baby had the inevitable "teething troubles": several members of U.E.F.A. rejected it quite unreservedly. Italy, still in the doldrums, was not prepared to risk adding to her World Cup débacle; West Germany did not relish even the unlikely prospect of a meeting with the Eastern zone; the Low Countries and Sweden already had their full quota of matches; and the British Associations remained, as ever, sceptical observers from afar. However, by scraping the bottom of the Continental barrel, the organisers managed to put sixteen and eight competitors into the First and Second Rounds respectively. Both draws had more than the usual effect on the destination of the trophy.

France and Russia had the easiest passage to the Semi-Finals, the former by beating Greece and a mediocre Austria, the latter through meeting an off-form Hungary—and *not meeting* the formidable opposition of Spain. The Spaniards became their scheduled opponents in the Quarter-Finals—an unfortunate draw, because the respective countries were in a permanent state of open hostility. After their request for a fresh draw had been refused, the Spanish F.A.—under pressure from Franco's government—withdrew their team, allowing the Russians to pass unopposed into the final stages of the competition.

Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia also reached the Semi-Finals, after making heavy weather of their earlier matches. Neither had looked impressive away from home, although Yugoslavia point to the subsequent progress of her opponents as the explanation of her difficulties. She drew in Bulgaria and lost in Portugal, while the Czechs—who had no excuses—were defeated by Eire and held to a draw by the Danish amateurs. They could not have felt optimistic about their chances in the final rounds, to be played in one of the four countries whose team remained in the tournament.

It was fitting that France, the originators of the competition, should play host to the trio from Eastern Europe: it was far less fitting that she should finish in fourth position behind all three. This catastrophe was due partly to the absence of Kopa, Fontaine and Piantoni, but especially to a terrible display against Yugoslavia by the French goalkeeper, Georges Lamia.

Bundle of nerves

Now do not misunderstand me. I have nothing personal against Lamia: he had played brilliantly for Nice in League matches during the previous season. But he had lost his confidence, had been out of touch in the New York International Tournament, and now he was selected to play for France in a match of vital importance. He looked a bundle of nerves, and his uncertain handling of the ball upset the whole team. The result was a 5-4 defeat at the hands of a Yugoslavian eleven notorious for their poor shooting.

Lamia could—and should—have stopped at least two of the five goals; instead, his blunders enabled Yugoslavia to fight back from 1-3 and 2-4 deficits. Not that they deserved to lose: it would have been a far more convincing victory if the Belgian referee Grandain, in allowing a blatantly offside goal by Wisnieski, had not given one of the worst decisions ever seen in an international match.

Czechoslovakia's matches at Marseilles with Russia (0-3) in the other Semi-Final and with France (2-0) for Third Place were not particularly distinguished: they only served to show that the Czechs were still unhappy when playing on foreign soil, that the French were as bad (even without Lamia) as they had looked at Paris, and that the Russians were vastly over-rated.

Failed to take them

Why then, you may ask, did the U.S.S.R. win the Final? Simply because the Slavs failed to take advantage of the numerous openings they created during the first half, and because when they did shoot straight Yachin—the great Yachin on this wet night—was almost unbeatable. By the time they did score, through Galic in the forty-first minute, their forward line was feeling the strain of incessant attack and suffering from heavy tackling. They should have been able to press home their advantage after the interval, but instead it was Russia who equalised through Metreveli, and went on to win after extra time. The last hour of play was virtually a duel between goalkeeper Videnic—even taller than Yachin—and the Soviet forwards, who at least realised that the easiest way to score goals was to kick the ball hard. Videnic made several saves during the first period of extra time, but even he tired visibly towards the end. Seven minutes from the final whistle he was caught out of position by Maslenkin's centre, and Ponedelnik headed home the decisive goal.

The wheel of time has now turned full circle, for the draw for the next competition has already taken place at Zurich, where Henri Delaunay first voiced his dream of a Cup for the nations of Europe. If the usual pattern emerges, we can expect a bigger and better tournament in 1963-1964, perhaps with fewer political squabbles, bigger attendances and a higher standard of play. For the European Championship affords the small nations a

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Begin it this month—first of

Sepp Herberger is a genius who must be watched

SEPP HERBERGER

A poor trainer can spoil the best team in the world—a great trainer could make World Champions of one of the outsiders in Chile. With that in mind, we start an absorbing new feature series on these pages.

KEY MEN IN THE 1962 WORLD CUP

WITH the World Cup finals only a matter of a few weeks away, the experts are preparing their list of favourites. I shall have more to say later about what I think will be the outcome of the actual event, but for the moment I prefer to concentrate on the often forgotten men behind the scenes—the trainers!

All the "name" players have now become household words as the ever growing sporting press, radio and television becomes more and more international. Suarez, Sipos, Springett, Sanfilippo and Sivori must all be as well known in Canada and Iceland as they are in their own countries yet while these players and many more could make or break their countries chances of World Cup honours by having either a poor game or a particularly brilliant period, the men that really carry the responsibility are practically ignored.

Just how much responsibility the trainer carries is emphasised by the "death rate" amongst the failures—the teams who did not even reach Chile. When it is all over it can be expected that one in four will either be forced, or feel forced to resign, but the players will all go back to their old clubs without any loss of prestige for failing to win the Coupe Jules Rimet.

For the last World Cup in 1958, I backed Sweden rather heavily. I received good odds —25 to 1—and though they did far better in reaching the final than most people expected from them I was disappointed. Naturally I was displeased to have come so near to pulling off a long shot but my disappointment came just as much from the belief that they could have beaten Brazil!

Four years have repaired the hole in my pocket, but they have not convinced me that I was wrong. While the Swedes themselves were too delighted at their comparative success to criticise anyone connected with their team the rest of the world were too busy heaping praise upon the Brazilians to give much attention to the tactical errors which I am convinced helped to win the World Cup for Brazil.

In recent years it has become a fact that a team with a goal lead controls the game and the generally accepted policy in these favourable circumstances is to close the game up . . . tight! We know that F.A. rules do not allow prompting by officials from the touchlines but we all know equally well that it is done. A pre-arranged signal from the trainer's bench is enough to change the team tactics and when Sweden scored after only four minutes they should have closed the game. George Raynor could hardly have planned to take an early lead but when it came he might have become convinced his side could win more easily than anticipated. This might well be the answer, but I am positive that if Mr. Raynor had to "play" that final again in the same circumstances he would have sent an assistant out with a fresh piece of chewing gum for Nils Leidholm as soon as he had scored the opening goal!

In the second half of that match the Swedes adopted a new defensive approach that effectively sealed the gaps torn by outside-right Garrincha in the first forty-five minutes. Garrincha had repeatedly shown that with a dead ball at his feet he could leave the Swedish back Axbom flat-footed. Twice he laid on goals for Vava that all but sealed Sweden's fate, by racing to the goal-line, drawing Gustafsson to him and then hammering the ball hard and low across the face of the goal.

In the second half Garrincha rated double cover, with left-half Parling racing round behind Axbom whenever he faced the Brazilian winger—but by then the damage had been done!

Perhaps it was not George Raynor who had the last word on such matters but he was the trainer, and it should have been his responsibility.

I draw attention to these points not in criticism of the Swedes or Mr. Raynor but to illustrate my point that it is the trainers of the sixteen teams in Chile who will contribute most to the series. In most cases their work was started two, three or even four years ago and will reach fruition in Santiago. Every last detail must be attended to. The players' nerves and personal problems; their equipment; their training; the chosen team and the tactics they will employ too, are all within the domain of the trainer. A poor trainer can spoil the best team in the world—a great trainer could make World Champions of one of the outsiders!

Twenty-five years

Among the men who will be in charge of the sixteen teams that will gather in Chile one stands out for his experience and term of office. Sixty-five years old, Joseph (Sepp) Herberger has been trainer of the West German side for more than twenty-five years and his record in three World Cups makes him a man to watch this time. He has already intimated that he will retire in July to make way for a younger man but he is confident about his team's chances. Last December he stated frankly that the German preparations had never before been so far advanced at that stage and re-affirmed his belief that in Chile, Germany would be stronger than in 1954!

Mr. Herberger's background is not unusual. A former first-class player with VfR Mannheim, he played three times for Germany in the thirties at wing-half, and took up coaching on retirement from the active side of the game. Generally his methods are his own; not unique, but personal, built up through the years and adapted in the light of experience. His players are devoted to him and there has never been a serious attempt to replace him from any quarter since he was appointed in 1936.

Even schoolboys

His activities are not confined to the full international side but extend even as far down the scale as schoolboy XIs. Nowhere else in Western Europe does a schoolboy stand as good a chance of reaching the top as in West Germany and the most important single reason for this is the interest shown by "Uncle Sepp".

With the confidence gained from the knowledge that he is practically immovable, Mr. Herberger is free to develop his ideas without fear. Few other trainers could afford to jeopardise their position by fielding Under-23 teams in full internationals. With two or three experienced players sitting on the trainer's bench ready to come on if the unproved team shows signs of collapse, Herberger has often taken such chances and

a brand-new World Cup series written by ERIC BATTY

occasionally his team has met with an unexpected reverse as a result. Undeterred he follows his hunches, planning from one World Cup to the next. He judges his progress not by results but how his ideas are developing, how the team, collectively and individually, is shaping.

The development of Hamburg's brilliant young centre-forward, Uwe Seeler, spotlights the Herberger method. Little more than a few weeks after winning the 1954 series, eighteen-year-old Seeler got his first cap against France. He came on as a substitute at outside-left but two months later in the "prestige" match against England at Wembley, Seeler was first choice at centre-forward. The Germans were beaten in both matches!

Always included

After that Seeler played once in 1955, twice in 1956, but he was always included in the party chosen for training. Why Seeler received no further honours for more than two years must remain a mystery to the outside observer but the fact remains that he next played against Argentina in the World Cup match in Sweden and played right through to the semi-final!

Herberger's methods obviously clash with those who believe in the retention of a winning team, switching his players sometimes in bewildering fashion and even fielding under-strength teams in World Cup qualifying games!

Tactically, Mr. Herberger is a firm advocate of the orthodox WM, though when unable to find the right players he is never slow to adapt his pattern.

England's team manager Walter Winterbottom is in a different position to Sepp Herberger. He, too, was a player in the thirties with Manchester United, though his critics are seldom slow to point out that he failed to distinguish himself, and like Herberger he has been in command for a long time.

When the English F.A. looked around for a team manager after the last war, W.W. was first in line after having been through exactly the right kind of motions as Wing Commander W.W., officer in charge of the R.A.F. XI during the war. From there it was only a short step to the Football Association.

FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE:

- Sepp Herberger (W. Germany)
- Walter Winterbottom (England)
- Fernando Riera (Chile)
- Adolfo Pedernera (Colombia)
- Karl Rappan (Switzerland)

Here, however, all comparisons with Sepp Herberger come to an end. Just how much influence is wielded by Mr. Winterbottom is difficult to calculate. He receives most of the credit when times are good—and takes the can when results are poor, but only the F.A. Council and the nine man selection committee are really in a position to comment!

In Chile, as is customary on tour, the selection committee will be reduced to three though not until after the travelling party has been named. Abroad then the team manager appears to have a greater say, but for most of the time his opportunities are severely limited. The bulk of England's fixtures are played during the league season. For a Wednesday match at Wembley, the team will be chosen (by the selectors) and will assemble in London on the Sunday preceding the match. Seventy-two hours later a compact, integrated, well balanced team walks out on to the Wembley turf to represent England!

Is the trainer a magician? Surely not! Yet miracles are expected by the F.A. and even demanded in some other quarters. By comparison with most other countries the England boss has one arm tied permanently and securely behind his back, and I know of only one other team manager in a poorer position—his counterpart with the Republic of Ireland whose players travel by boat and plane across the Irish Sea on Saturday night after playing for their clubs in the afternoon, and turn out again at Dalymount Park on Sunday!

The youngest trainer in the World Cup Finals will be Fernando Riera who despite his comparative youth (forty-two) is widely travelled and has already put five years behind him in his efforts to prepare the Chilean team. An Argentinian, Riera is a product of the modern game, and is well aware of what is going on in world football. As a player he served in Portugal and France (Reims) qualified as a coach under the auspices of the Spanish F.A. (largely because he understood the language) and in 1956 spent some months studying the training methods in English football.

When appointed in 1957 he was given one precise instruction. Prepare Chile for the World Cup five years hence and at once he pruned the national team of the elements that would be too old for the target. A confirmed European in method he has South American material to work with and a unique opportunity to blend the best of both worlds. His players are not as highly skilled as the Brazilians for example and indeed are only part-time professionals but the results achieved have been at least encouraging.

By accident?

By accident or design (it is not clear which) the players who have figured most frequently in Chilean teams come from clubs within easy reach of Santiago. Concentrating almost entirely on players from the capital Colo Colo, Universidad de Chile, Universidad Catolica; from Rancagua (O'Higgins); from Valparaiso (Wanderers) and nearby Vina del Mar (Everton) he has been able to call them together frequently. Their full capabilities have yet to be revealed for his teams are constantly being reshuffled and it seems likely that his policy is to blood everyone on his list and to put out the men in form at the time of the actual series.

With ground advantage in their favour, it will be no surprise if Chile do well and if it should come it will have been well earned. When Chile came to Europe in 1960 they left behind several top-class players for which Mr. Riera alone can have been responsible. The oldest of the tourists was twenty-nine while the others were in the middle or early twenties age groups. Though they fared poorly and were hammered 6-0 by France in their first game, they visibly improved as the tour progressed and the present team will certainly be dominated by the players with experience in Europe.

Careful planning

A sensible approach and careful planning are evidently among the qualities of Fernando Riera and though recent results are encouraging it would be as well to await the World Cup before commenting on his capabilities.

Just how important the trainer can be is underlined by the success of Switzerland who were given no chance at all of reaching Chile when the draw was made for the qualifying rounds. That they defied all the prophets was entirely due to the efforts of Karl Rappan, the fifty-six-year-old Austrian. A successful business man, Mr. Rappan has always kept in close touch with football and has in fact spent fifteen of the last twenty-five years as trainer of the Swiss national side. Three times during this period he has felt forced to give way to his business interests and resign and only a few weeks ago he made it clear

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Jimmy Greaves of Spurs and Walter Winterbottom, the England team manager, are shown having a tactical talk during one of the English training sessions. (P.A.I.)

GORDON JEFFERY *continues with his*

BRAZIL, firm favourites for the 1962 World Cup Competition, were not required to qualify for a place in the final stages in Chile. They had, it can be said as justification for including them in this regular feature, qualified nearly four years ago in Sweden. In truth no justification is necessary where Brazil are concerned and, in any case, by June 1962 we shall, I hope, have been able to present the past International records and history of all the sixteen finalists.

I emphasised a couple of issues back when dealing with the Argentinian record that "the difficulties in compiling these overall tables for the European countries are multiplied in considering those of South America!" Those words apply as much to Brazil as they did to Argentina and Brazil's overall table is much of the same pattern as Argentina's—a regular programme of matches against Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina, fewer matches against the smaller (in a football sense) South American countries as Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, and fewer still against European national sides.

Overall the Brazilian record with a 65.73% aggregate falls a little below that of Argentina's 67.91%, and in the direct record between these two South American "giants" Argentina again come off best—but were the period under review limited to the past ten years the reverse would be true. The comparatively small number of matches played by the full Brazilian side against European national elevens, save for those in World Cup competitions, also needs to be set against the frequent meetings of touring Brazilian club sides with leading European clubs.

I think one can fairly confidently claim that, in proportion to their numbers, no other country engages in as many inter-club matches as Brazil.

One of their sporting magazines produced some interesting statistics about these Inter-club matches played between the leading Brazilian clubs and those of other nations since 1947. Up to the end of 1960, almost two thousand had been played, and of these slightly more than one thousand had been won by the Brazilian club, and slightly less than five hundred lost, to give an astonishing overall record of 75% success — the more remarkable because the overwhelming majority of the matches were played away from Brazil.

Again it is significant that the numbers of these "friendly" matches played in each year have risen considerably around 1954. Over the first five years, for example, in 1947, 34 were played; in 1948, 45; in 1949, 78; in 1950, 86; in 1951, 100, but in the last five years of the period reviewed the numbers ran: 248 played in 1956, 196 in 1957, 162 in 1958 (but the attention of Brazil as a whole was with their national side in Sweden that year), 211 in 1959 and 216 in 1960. There can be few other players in the world so often brought into *practical* study of soccer as it is played in many lands, and this global awareness is reflected both in the creativeness of the Brazilians' play and in their consistent success in the International field.

BRAZIL
HER INTERNATIONAL RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	% age.
ARGENTINA	51	15	10	26	76	112	39.22
AUSTRIA	2	2	0	0	6	2	100.00
BOLIVIA	6	6	0	0	31	4	100.00
BULGARIA	2	2	0	0	7	1	100.00
CHILE	26	21	3	2	68	22	86.54
COLOMBIA	3	3	0	0	17	0	100.00
COSTA RICA	1	1	0	0	7	1	100.00
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	5	2	2	1	7	4	60.00
ECUADOR	6	6	0	0	35	6	100.00
ENGLAND	3	1	1	1	4	4	50.00
FRANCE	1	1	0	0	5	2	100.00
HUNGARY	1	0	0	1	2	4	00.00
ITALY	3	1	0	2	3	5	33.33
MEXICO	4	4	0	0	13	1	100.00
PANAMA	1	1	0	0	5	0	100.00
PARAGUAY	30	19	7	4	78	30	75.00
PERU	11	7	3	1	20	9	77.27
POLAND	1	1	0	0	6	5	100.00
PORTUGAL	3	3	0	0	6	1	100.00
SPAIN	2	1	0	1	7	4	50.00
SWEDEN	3	3	0	0	16	5	100.00
SWITZERLAND	2	0	2	0	3	3	50.00
TURKEY	1	1	0	0	1	0	100.00
U.S.A.	1	1	0	0	4	3	100.00
URUGUAY	38	17	7	14	70	60	53.95
U.S.S.R.	1	1	0	0	2	0	100.00
WALES	1	1	0	0	1	0	100.00
YUGOSLAVIA	4	1	1	2	8	11	37.50
Grand Total:	213	122	36	55	508	299	65.73

Their qualification

Victory in Sweden was their qualification for the finals in Chile in June, 1962—but it was only by a single goal that Brazil got to Sweden! They had, for the 1958 World Cup Qualifying Competition, been placed in a South American Zone Group with Peru and Venezuela. The latter withdrew without playing a game, Brazil beat Peru at home by one goal to nil and just managed to hang on to a one-all draw in Peru to earn a place in the last sixteen in Sweden. Colombia have, of course, done the same (home win and away draw) to qualify for this year's finals but even the most fervent believer in Colombia and in the habit of past sequences repeating themselves cannot give them much chance!

Brazil on the other hand despite the narrowness of their qualification soon established themselves as one of the favourites once the first matches had been played in Sweden. Brazil's opening match was against Austria at Uddevalla. It was the second meeting between the two countries—the first, played in Vienna in 1956, had ended in a win for Brazil by the odd goal in five. Now, in 1958 in Sweden, they won without difficulty by three goals to nil in the most impressive of the first day showings. Oddly,

An exciting moment during the Brazil-Paraguay international which Brazil won by three goals to two. Didi (No. 8 on his back) shoots hard at goal but the ball hits the woodwork to go harmlessly over the goal-line. (Keystone 1.)

World Cup Groups in detail series

The holders are odds-on favourites . . .

On the right, the head of Pepe, who is FC Santos' and Brazil's fast-moving outside-left. Pepe has played many world-class games for his country and, with club-mate Pele, is one of the firm favourites of the Santos club. (Photo: Metelmann.)

Sweden the ultimate runners-up had a similar victory (3-0 over Mexico) and France, the ultimate number three, beat Paraguay by seven goals to three on the same day—the remaining five matches were all closely contested, three of them evenly.

Against England in their second match the Brazilian defence of Gilmar; Sordi, Santos (Nilton); Dino, Bellini and Orlando again maintained a clean sheet but their forwards—with Vava for Dida the only change from the Austrian match—were unable to penetrate an equally strong English defence in which Bill Slater kept a tight check on Didi the genius from whom much of Brazil's penetrative strength derived. Of that English defence only Clamp, now with Arsenal but then with Wolves as were the other two half-backs, Wright and Slater, remains as a possibility for the England team in Chile but three of the, on the day, disappointing forward line are still in the current England side—Douglas, Haynes and Robson (as a wing-half nowadays of course)—and the remaining pair may yet perform in Chile. They were Kevan and A'Court.

Fourth country in the group and the third match opponents for Brazil was the Soviet Union making their first appearance in the World Cup. They had drawn with England and beaten Austria and thus met Brazil on equal terms. For this match Brazil made two significant forward changes and fielded the line that won them the semi-final and final matches against France and Sweden. Garrincha, "the little bird", came in at outside-right and the infant prodigy of world football, Pele, at inside-left.

Neither scored but Garrincha made an immediate impact on the game by speeding through twice in the first two minutes and firing in shots that appeared to have beaten Yachin but rebounded from the upright. The ferocity of this opening had obviously, and understandably, unnerved the Russians, however, and a minute later Vava opened the scoring. It was not until thirteen minutes from the end that Vava scored Brazil's second goal but there had never been any doubt about their command of the game—and still their defence had kept their goal intact.

They continued to do so in the quarter-final match against Wales—memorable in retrospect in that it was in this match that Pele scored the only goal. Against France in the semi-final he scored a hat-trick, Didi got his only World Cup goal and Vava improved on his three-minute goal against the Soviet Union by scoring his goal in the second minute. The defence, however, had to accept a couple of blots (Fontaine and Piantoni) on their sheet, and in the Final against Sweden for the first time in the competition Brazil found themselves in arrears.

The Swedes opened the match on the attack, the Brazilians retreated in solid defence, Nils Liedholm advanced and continued to advance until he suddenly spied a narrow gap through the packed players of both sides in the penalty area, and tried a speculative shot that sent the ball past the hampered Gilmar into the net. The elation of the home crowd—and players—was short-lived as steadily the Brazilians, playing in a manner befitting world champions in a World Cup Final, piled on the goals—scored by Vava (2), Pele (2) and Zagallo. Agne Simonsson scored a second goal for Sweden but for much of the match, their victory assured, the Brazilians indulged in exhibition play of rare delight.

Brazil's triumph was no surprise to those who had been looking with more than perfunctory interest at the world soccer scene since the war—it was, to them, no more than a fitting reward for Brazil's World Cup consistency. They should on form have won the first post-war competition held in their own country in 1950 and they did get off to a good start by beating Mexico by four goals to nil and, although they dropped a point to Switzerland, by beating Yugoslavia by two goals to nil comfortably earned a place in the final pool with Sweden, Spain and Uruguay. With two of the three matches played Brazil had the full four points from victories over Spain (6-1) and Sweden (7-1) whilst their nearest rivals—and final opponents in the group—Uruguay had three points from a draw with Spain (2-2) and a win over Sweden (3-2). Brazil therefore needed only to draw with Uruguay to win the 1950 World Cup competition. In fact they lost by two goals to one for Uruguay to gain their second World Cup victory—Sweden by beating Spain by three goals to one finished in third place.

In the 1954 competition played in Switzerland Brazil were again in the final stages and yet another easy match against Mexico (5-0) and a draw with Yugoslavia (1-1)—both countries had also been encountered in 1950, took them into the quarter-finals. Here, however, Brazil were drawn against Hungary, then quite clearly the best team in the world, and Brazil not only lost (4-2) but also lost the admiration of many of their "neutral" supporters by the shabbiness of much of their tactics against superior opponents.

However, time has healed those blemishes and it is now the Brazilians themselves who are clear and deserved favourites for the 1962 Competition. Will they be able in the face of intense competition to retain the World Champions title?

It would be ironic if they found themselves weakened for the actual final match by the sort of mauling they handed out to the Hungarians in an earlier game but such is the quality of the pool of players from whom the Brazilians can pick their team that even then I still feel they would win. The "draw"—out of a hat or "seeded"—can influence my final selection, however.

EINTRACHT TO PLAY IN CANADA?

By BRIAN CARTMELL

TOP Canadian soccer brass are going all out now to put the game on the map. Stage one in the Canadian Football Association's plan has already been completed. Eintracht, the top German club, are scheduled to play in Vancouver on June 2. George Anderson, C.F.A. secretary, handled the negotiations on a recent trip to Europe.

He said the German club will play three matches in Canada on its way home from a tour of the Orient. Eintracht will probably be matched with either the B.C. All Stars XI or Aston Villa. The English club is intending a United States tour in the summer and may be persuaded to take on Eintracht in Vancouver. Eintracht's visit may present a problem for the Canadian Football League. They may be forced to cancel next year's annual Canadian tour. Anderson refused to comment on this matter "for the moment".

The Frankfurt club's visit to Vancouver will give local fans a second chance to see a top club in action.

RENE BOUDRY traces the colourful story of Roger Marche, France's most-capped international player

Marche—old war horse of France

WHEN Roger Marche announced his withdrawal from big time soccer it came as no surprise to Racing fans or indeed to France generally. For several seasons he has been seeking a suitable club to "retire" to and twice he had asked the French selectors to omit him from their teams. His relationship with the Racing Club de Paris has been on a temporary basis for some time and his last contract was for three months only, giving the club time to find a new left-back that three seasons had failed to produce; and himself time to find a player/coach appointment.

Future historians will feature Roger Marche as the *recordman de France* for his sixty-three caps is far and away the highest total to date, and it will be several seasons at least before anyone else approaches this figure. Marche's achievements outside the international arena have not been over-rewarding and though he has gained his share of the honours the greatest is perhaps still to come, for the French Football Federation have submitted his name to their government with a recommendation that he be awarded one of the country's highest civil honours—the *Legion d'honneur*!

Roger Marche came from the Ardennes where he was born almost exactly thirty-eight years ago at Villiers Semeuse on March 5, 1924. For seventeen years he was a professional and spent this entire period in the service of only two clubs, the Stade de Reims as they were then known and the Racing Club de Paris. Only two other clubs have ever listed Marche R., on their team sheet; unknown amateurs FC Mohon and his present club Ol. de Charleville who became one of the giant killers of the present FFF Cup campaign.

With virtually unknown Reims, Marche came to the fore in the immediate post-war era and made the first of his sixty-three international appearances in March, 1946. After helping to beat Portugal 1-0, Marche retained his place for the match against England in London two months later, but this was lost 3-0 and there then began the first of a series of eclipses as he lost favour with the selectors. Over the years he outlived all his rivals and though often omitted he always came back.

Ever-present

Three ever-present sequences brought him twelve, fifteen and seventeen caps but as luck would have it he never found a place in the World Cup spotlight.

In the 1954 series he went to Switzerland as a reserve and played only in the 3-2 win over Mexico; four years later he had again been demoted and again played only once in the French side that reached the semi-final and eventually took third place.

All Marche's domestic honours were gained with Reims between 1945 and 1953. The League championship in 1948-49 and again in 1952-53; the FFF Cup in the spring of 1950 when Reims beat his future club Racing 2-0 in the final. With Reims he also made his only sortie into the field of international club competition when they won the Latin Cup in 1953 against Sporting, Valencia and AC Milan.

Leaving Reims for Racing in 1953, Marche unwittingly denied himself the opportunity to take part in the greatest club tournament of all time—the *Coppa Europa*—for with his new club it has been a long uphill fight all the way. When Marche joined racing they had just returned to the First Division after one season in the second class, and though they've had many fine players they've not been able to claim any of the honours. If Marche made his name with Reims, he enhanced it in the capital, where his loyalty, determination and indomitable fighting spirit endeared him to Parisiens.

Never a spectacular player, Marche's ball skill could be matched by a thousand players, and he has never been noted for his speed of limb. Frenchmen would say that his greatest asset was courage, but to that I would add a fine sense of positional play; an unerring sliding tackle, and an ice-cool brain that never ceased to function even in the most desperate situations.

Tagged by the press "the old war horse" Marche was one of the old school full-backs who scorned the modern methods of strict man for man marking. Leaving his immediate opponent Marche gave free rein to his instinct, which frequently carried him into positions beneath the crossbar, just in time to effect dramatic goal-line clearances.

Perhaps it would be true to say that Marche left his mark on the French national team more than anywhere else. French football has often produced the temperamental player with a high degree of ability but lacking in spirit, and it was as captain that he was able to exert such a powerful influence. In interviews he has repeatedly used the phrase *tout pour la club de France*. Translated into action this has drawn tremendous results from his players who respond far better to his leadership by example than they would to a cursing whip-cracking driver.

Their appreciation

Though French fans have often had the opportunity to show their appreciation of Marche's abilities they can seldom have done so in such an impressive and spontaneous manner as they did at the Parc des Princes on December 17, 1959.

That day in a typically generous gesture France met Spain in a friendly international match for the benefit of the Frejus disaster victims. Both sides made changes a half-time to enable all the most popular players to entertain the crowd. Kubala, Di Stefano, Suarez and Gento all played for Spain and Roger Marche came on as a second-half stand-in for Kaelbel at left-back with France leading by three goals to one.

Just on the hour, Marche on the half-way line stood challenging outside-right Arteche,

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Roger Marche (seen on the right) moves in towards Serge Roy of Monaco during a French match between Monaco and Racing Club de Paris. On this occasion Monaco won 5-3. The Roger Marche story is told on this page.

In spite of a brilliant attempt to save a shot from Kvasnak, the Czechoslovakian inside-left, Scotland's goalkeeper, Bill Brown is beaten. This was the Czechs first equalising goal in their World Cup match versus Scotland at Hampden Park. (Planet.)

The Scots' big task

KEN MONTGOMERY discusses some Scottish selection problems

LIKE their counterparts in most European countries at present, Scotland's selectors don't have their problems to seek. The nucleus of a worthwhile eleven is unquestionably there, but there are positions which could be strengthened. As April 14 creeps ever closer, the thoughts of supporters as well as selectors turn, invariably, to Scotland's show game of the season—the clash with England. The problems, by then, if the earnest wish of every true Scot is granted, will be solved . . . but not without much thought, even heart searching by the seven-strong selection committee who have in the past, rightly or wrongly, assumed almost every mantle there is with the exception of just men.

Their task this year is not to be envied, for they must sit down to pick eleven players fit not only to defeat England, so lifting the British International Title for the first time in a decade, but also a side which can erase the memory of the 9-3 drubbing inflicted by these self-same Englishmen at Wembley almost a year ago.

For possibly half the outfield positions the question, conventionally, is: who goes in? Before the seven can bring themselves to the outfield problems, however, they have probably their most difficult decision of all to take. For, almost like footballing matrons in a shoe, they will, barring an unforeseen crop of injuries, find themselves with so many goalkeepers they'll have difficulty in deciding what they must do for the best.

Since that black-bordered Saturday at Wembley the Scots have had a full international diary, and a handful of minor representative fixtures, too. In these matches—ten in all—three goalkeepers have been played, Lawrie Leslie (West Ham), Bill Brown (Tottenham) and Eddie Connachan (Dunfermline Athletic). All have played in the full international side, and Connachan has been the Scottish League's last line of defence in their three matches since the start of the season.

The outstanding feature to have emerged is that not one of the trio has let Scotland down. Leslie was never really dropped: injury has been his undoing. Brown might have been considered an automatic selection but for missing the Czechoslovakian game in Brussels and when the Czechs stubbornly refused to allow Leslie's name to be added to the Scots' list of players who could take part in the match, which was to decide, eventually, that they and not their rivals would be competing in the World Cup finals in Chile this summer, it paved the way for Connachan's initial international appearance.

These selectors must therefore decide who is, in fact, Scotland's 'keeper—and it will be no simple task.

The appearance list since last April's Wembley fiasco reads like this:

May	3	Eire (h)	Leslie	4-1
	7	Eire (a)	Leslie	3-0
	14	Czechoslovakia (a)	Leslie	0-4
Sept.	6	L. of Ireland (a)	Connachan	1-1
	26	Czechoslovakia (h)	Brown	3-2
Oct.	4	Irish L. (h)	Connachan	7-0
	6	Ireland (a)	Brown	6-1
Nov.	1	Italian L. (h)	Connachan	1-1
	8	Wales (h)	Brown	2-0
	29	Czechoslovakia	Connachan	2-4

Before the Hampden game, the selectorial powers have at least one more opportunity of sizing up one of the musketeers—if I may be permitted to describe the trio as such. That chance will come on March 21, when the Football League clash with the Scottish League. Connachan, most probably, will be the Scottish goalkeeper on this occasion. If he is, then a bright display by the Dunfermline man could well see him retained for the game every Scot dreams of, but in which so few ever have the chance to play—against England at Hampden Park.

There will be few to argue that the Fife 'keeper does not have the right Hampden credentials. He showed his flair for the big occasion in last season's two Scottish Cup Final games against Celtic, which Dunfermline, against all the odds, finally won by 2-0, after a 0-0 draw in the first game. Not exceptionally tall for a goalkeeper, Connachan, at 5 ft. 10 in., is nevertheless formidable in appearance, weighing in at around 175 lb. He showed on another important Hampden occasion—the clash between the Scottish and Italian Leagues—that his brilliant performances there previously had not been flukes either, for he won a decisive victory over the visiting forwards, including Hamrin (Fiorentina), Hitchens (Inter. Milan) and Law (Turin), conceding only one goal in the ninety minutes of lashing rain which must have been particularly troublesome to the 'keepers. Connachan's credentials are, indeed, first-class.

So, too, however, are those of the tall (5 ft. 11 in.), thin ex-Dundee man, Bill Brown of Tottenham. Connachan can give Brown, who played such a vital role in the success story of the Spurs last season, over 20 lb. in weight, but he lags far behind in experience. Brown, indeed, is by far the "old man of the party" when it comes to international appearances, having faced up to the attacking might of Wales, Ireland, France, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Austria, Hungary and Turkey in his time: and he has played against England previously—at Wembley in 1959. The Tottenham enigma, for that is what Brown has been on his international appearances, was for long out of favour in high places—*but he has yet to play in a defeated Scotland side this season.* That, assuredly, will be yet another point in his favour and is possibly the one which just affords him the uncomfortable position of favourite to land the job in April. To head such an open market means little, however. Favourites have failed before.

Unlucky member of the trio is perhaps the most fitting description of Lawrie Leslie, the ex-Hibernian and Airdrie goalkeeper, now with London's West Ham and having an excellent season, too. The original choice for last season's Wembley clash, Leslie (5 ft. 11 in., 12 st. 2 lb.) was forced to forfeit his cap because of injury. He had to do likewise before the Scottish team to face Czechoslovakia at Hampden Park, in September of last year, was chosen.

He, too, has considerable experience against foreign opposition—although not

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Cairo: the new stadium in Egypt's capital city experienced its first full house with the visit of Spain's Real Madrid in March, 1961. It cost something like six million pounds to construct and covers more than four hundred acres. Madrid's opponents were Zamelek who lost 4-1, and the picture above shows former Hungarian ace Ferenc Puskas flanked by two Zamelek defenders. The game in Egypt is growing fast, as the story on this page indicates. (Planet 1.)

Egypt possess all the enthusiasm required

by NORMAN D. REICH

EGYPT is still a teenager among the adults of the soccer world. Why this is so, is one of the mysteries of the great world game.

She should, by past results, have long since taken her place amongst the world's elite. Yet she has never quite emerged from the rennaissance which set in almost half-a-century ago. Always planning, hoping, at first succeeding and then having to be content to smile in defeat seems to have been the gist of Egypt's soccer operations.

Nevertheless, successful or otherwise, the Egyptian national side is enthusiastically fêted wherever it puts in an appearance. Being the country's national team sport, the small boys —no less than their counterparts in Hungary, Brazil, Britain or almost every nation in the world—dream of the day when they will pull on the green shirts of the internationals.

Being a hot African country, the afternoons are mostly spent lazing in the shade, while the sun beats down remorselessly on the hard baked mud pitches. However, almost every town, village or city can boast a dozen or so of the small boys who join the more senior players in kicking a small rubber ball about, with the sweat pouring from their brows. Even the plus-100 degree heat cannot stop football in Egypt.

This is the root of the flowering Egyptians as a soccer nation. From the small boys with their just as small footballs, to the pin-up club side in the country, Zamelek Sporting Club, all Egyptians share a common passion for soccer.

The close season which has just come to an end, saw the break up of the United Arab Republic Football Association. Syria's military junta broke up the Republic, and in so doing, brought to an end the association between the two countries' soccer organisations. The umbrella body was called upon to do little since it was first constituted in 1960, except to prepare a party and send it to Rome in quest for Olympic Games gold.

Egypt made her bow on the international soccer field even before she had a national association. The Egyptian Football Association, or the All Ettihad el Masri li Korat li Kadam, as it is termed in Egypt came into being in 1921, after the first side had already taken part in the Antwerp Olympiad a year earlier. They were narrowly ousted by Italy in the first round 2-1, but she had established herself internationally, however unsuccessfully her début may have been.

Since then, the Egyptians have become something of a fixture in the soccer tournament of the subsequent Olympiads. Only the 1960 Melbourne Olympics was without an Egyptian soccer representative — obviously because of the prohibitive costs.

The national association took only eighteen months to become a fully fledged member of F.I.F.A. For a while, her soccer operations were confined to the domestic front, and the Olympic Games jaunt every four years.

In Paris, during the 1924 Olympics, Egypt took a bye into the quarter-final pool. She comfortably removed Hungary by the convincing margin of 3-0 and awaited the game with Sweden with some confidence. Sweden, however, just as convincingly swamped the holders, Belgium, 8-1, and then rubbed out the Egyptian challenge for another four years by triumphing 5-0.

Never daunted, Egypt returned to the fray for the Games in Amsterdam and reached the semi-finals for the first time. Turkey were completely overwhelmed to the tune of 7-1 in a pipe-opener. A 2-1 win over Portugal saw them through, but Argentina stopped any further advancement, handing out a 6-0 hammering.

The Egyptian Olympic saga continued in the Berlin, London and Helsinki Olympiads. Only in Helsinki did they win a game. They overcame Chile in a thrilling nine-goal Preliminary round tie 5-4, but Germany proved too good for them in the First round and they went out 1-3. In London, they held semi-finalists, Denmark, to a draw, each scoring once, but the Danes proved to be the fitter side, and netted twice in extra time to add to the long string of Egyptian Olympic frustrations. Austria was her stumbling block in the Berlin games, and so after six attempts, Egypt failed to reach the finals, and were semi-finalists once.

The Rome venture saw a determined United Arab Republic qualify for the final stages. The officials of both Egypt and Syria were after an Olympic triumph to give the newly formed federation a political super-booster.

After several trial matches, the association decided that they would send a party of twenty-two players—two for each position, one from Egypt and one from Syria. Those selected were:

Goalkeepers: Adel, Khourcenid.

Full-backs: Refai, Alaa, Zakiyaren, El Hamou-i, Zakl.

Half-backs: Essnakui, Samir, Sanaguili, Fanagili, Kottb, Badawi.

Forwards: Rida, Abdo-Selim, Selch-Selim, Raabat, Corari, Scirbini, Noshi, Hamdi, Nosseir.

This was the biggest party ever sent by any association connected with Egypt. They left well before their first game to recover from the journey and then acclimatised themselves to the Italian conditions. But once more, only disappointment awaited them, and they were eliminated in the Group One play off. Yugoslavia, the eventual winners, toyed with the Arab defence as they wished and goalkeeper Adel began to get quite a habit of picking the ball out of the net during the course of the match—six times. Refai also had the misfortune to put into his own goal. Centre-forward Raabat grabbed a consolation goal towards the end.

As expected, there were long deliberations between the team's selectors and hours of practice by the players between the Friday of

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KENNETH WOLSTENHOLME'S MONTHLY REPORT

A DAY OF BIG DESTINY

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1962, will go down in history as a day of destiny for English football. In fact for all British football except that of Scotland.

For on that day, England, Wales and Northern Ireland went into the hat with twenty-six other nations in the draw for the first round of the European Nations Cup. The British nations ignored the first competition, which was won by Russia, and at one time it looked as if they were going to stay out of this second tournament.

Now they are in, and my guess is that Scotland are going to regret that they did not follow the lead.

For this heralds another major step in the reorganisation of football. Not so long ago friendly matches under floodlights between British teams and foreign teams were popular. With the coming of such competitions as the European Cup, these matches lost their popularity and now only clubs of the standard of Real Madrid can command worthwhile gates in Britain for non-competitive matches.

The same feeling has now overshadowed international matches. Ever since the game began, the Home International Championship (as it is called in Britain) between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales was the highlight of the season. In recent years it has come to mean less and less.

The final straw was the pathetic attendance of a mere 30,000 at Wembley to see England play Northern Ireland. More people turned up at Highbury to watch England's World Cup match against Luxembourg, a third rate amateur nation who had little or no chance of making a game of it and who had been thrashed 9-0 in their own country.

But that underlines the feeling in Britain today. The fans want competitive matches. Even league games which obviously cannot affect the championship or relegation problems suffer from waning interest. Along comes the glamorous F.A. Cup and even little teams like Oldham Athletic can draw more than 25,000 people for a night match.

More and more then the British nations will be going in for competitive internationals rather than for friendly games. Obviously every international cannot be a competitive one, but the British public have made it quite plain that they will only turn up in force for a friendly game if the opposition is top class.

England's game with Austria, for instance, should fill Wembley, in view of Austria's record. But England against many other countries in Europe? I am not so sure.

One major problem from England's point of view is that the Welsh and the Irish Football Associations rely almost entirely on their matches against Scotland and England for their annual revenue. Any move to curtail these matches could spell disaster for football in Wales and Northern Ireland.

That, no doubt, is why Wales and Northern Ireland have followed England into the European Nations Cup. Rarely do they have a game against foreign opposition, except in the World Cup, and in the case of Wales, the present World Cup competition brought them just one home match—against Spain.

Obviously Wales and Northern Ireland cannot be left to fend for themselves and trust to luck in that they have a good run in the two international competitions for national teams.

In the weeks to come, the Football League Management Committee is considering ways and means of improving the domestic competitions in England and although there is a move towards moving all international games to mid-week, smaller divisions and a longer season could prevent that move.

And prevent it Wales and Northern Ireland hope the Football League will do. For Saturday home internationals are the lifeblood for these smaller associations. It is difficult to get a capacity crowd at Cardiff or Belfast for a mid-week international and capacity crowds are vital if Wales and Northern Ireland are to receive the income they need.

Naturally, the English League clubs do not like releasing their players for international matches and even the comparatively new rule that any club providing two players to an international can postpone their league game is not the complete answer.

To continue the Home International Championship, three complete international days are required. So why could not the league programme be cancelled for three Saturdays each season.

In October England could play Wales and Northern Ireland could play Scotland—both matches to be played on the same Saturday. The Wales-Scotland and England-Northern Ireland games could be played on a November Saturday, and on the April Saturday on which England and Scotland always meet, Northern Ireland could play Wales.

That should keep everyone happy and still leave room for the four Associations to take part in the World Cup and the European Nations Cup.

Having said that, may I make a plea. We have the World Cup, the European Nations Cup for national teams. For clubs we have the European Champions Cup, the European Cup-Winners' and the Inter-Fairs Cities Cup.

All are worthy competitions. All have provided thrills and good football and drawn the crowds.

So let us not cheapen them by having any more competitions. The suggestion for a European Runner-up in the Championship Cup fills me with horror!

Cliff Jones, the Spurs' outside-left who surely scores more goals with his head than any other winger in England, loses this heading duel with Cardiff centre-half, Frank Rankmore. Also in the picture are Graham Vearncombe, Cardiff's goalkeeper and Spurs' dynamic wing-half, Dave Mackay. (Planet.)

AROUND THE WORLD STORIES

Three-way decider

CHILE

WINNERS of the 1961 championship are Universidad Catolica. South Americans generally dislike the goal average system adopted long ago in Europe and still retain the once universally accepted play-off when the top teams tie on points. Wanderers (Valparaiso) the 1960 champions and Colo Colo the country's best known club were left out in the cold this time and the two Santiago University teams tied for top place. It took three play-offs, 0-0, 1-1 and 3-2, before Universidad Catolica managed to overcome Universidad de Chile!

In Chile all the players are part-time professionals and the Universities obtain their players in the manner of the U.S.A. "Athletic Scholarships". In the customary end of two surprise results. Red Star Belgrade beat Botafogo (Rio de Janeiro) 1-0, and Colo Colo beat Ferencvaros (Hungary) 2-1.

ARGENTINA

Claims for World Cup

F.A. President Raoul Colombo has been elected President of the South American equivalent of U.E.F.A.—and soon afterwards he submitted a claim to F.I.F.A. for the right to stage the 1970 World Cup in Buenos Aires. The claims are well founded, for the country is far better able to accommodate tourists and stage big matches than Chile for example, and no other city in the world can boast of eight football stadia all capable of accommodating crowds of 80,000 plus!

The Racing Club's league success is the fourteenth in their history—enabling them to draw level with Boca Juniors' record. River Plate have thirteen titles to their credit. Rivalry between the top clubs is fiercer than ever and though Boca spent a fortune in the last twelve months in a bid to stay on top and failed they are prepared to spend £½ million for the new campaign which begins in June.

The biggest shambles of the season—Independiente v. Racing, during which fifteen players were sent off the field! When the referee abandoned the game Racing had six players still in the game, Independiente had one.

SPAIN

Barcelona improve

FORMER CFB player Ladislav Kubala is now firmly entrenched as the club's trainer. With the new young forwards settling in well, CFB won a Christmas tournament against FK Pirmasens (W. Germany) and FC Liege (Belgium) and followed this with a 6-0 win over AEK in Athens and perhaps best of all a 2-1 win over Internazionale and the former Barcelona coach Helenio Hererra!

Real Madrid's planned Sports Centre promises to be one of the most exciting projects of the sixties. Almost every sport will be catered for in a huge park, and the overall cost is estimated to be around seventy million pesetas! The Spanish government contributed five million, and almost half the required total was obtained from the public in less than two hours! This was the way the club built Chamartin—offering shares in the club to the general public!

Real outside-left Francisco Gento has two younger brothers who are attracting attention to themselves in the second division. Antonio is an inside-forward with the Madrid club Plus Ultra; Julio is an outside-right with Corunna. The new selector for the national team is Pablo Hernandez, formerly a technical director of Real Madrid.

HOLLAND

Blauw Wit wind of change

ONE of the season's surprises has been the form of unfashionable Blauw Wit (Blue-white) which has taken them into fourth place behind Feijenoord, Ajax and PSV. Blauw Wit coach is former Portsmouth player—thirty-four-year-old Jack Mansell. Down at the foot of the table and strong contenders for "the drop" are Rapid JC (Heerlen), champions only five years ago!

Though hustled out of the European Cup by Tottenham, Feijenoord are staking a strong claim to another chance next season and have a three points lead over their nearest rivals Ajax Amsterdam. Reports from Rotterdam suggest the club will enter the international market to reinforce their attack if their bid is successful—and the name most frequently mentioned is Swedish centre-forward Agne Simonsson currently under contract to Real Madrid but leased out for this season to Real Sociedad.

ITALY

Plans laid for Chile

AFTER much speculation the F.A. finally decided on their "General Staff" for the World Cup bid: Paolo Mazza, Giovani Ferrari and Helenio Hererra. H.H. is likely to be the decisive influence among this trio—and it is well known that he and the Football-wonder Enrico Sivori have their differences.

New man in the Jimmy Greaves spot for AC Milan is Brazilian Dino Sani whose style is more in keeping with the club's needs than that of Greaves'. Even so he followed the English star—in falling out with coach Nerio Rocco, who insisted that he remove his moustache! Milan claims to have signed another Brazilian for next season—outside-right Garrincha. Under the rules they can do it—just—for Brazilian centre-forward Altafini is now considered to be Italian.

For beating Inter recently, AS Roma are said to have handed out the biggest ever

Barcelona goalkeeper Ramallets punches clear as Aguas (9), centre-forward of the Portuguese club Benfica rushes in. Although Ramallets stopped this shot he was beaten three times in this European Cup Final match. Barcelona scored twice and hit the woodwork in the final seconds but they could not equalise and so Benfica became champions of Europe for the first time. (Planet 1.)

bonus £150 per man, though officially the club have denied it. If the truth was known the figure was probably higher!

SWITZERLAND

Shorter break now

FOOTBALL usually closes during the winter months but due to their unexpected success in the World Cup the break has been shortened considerably. Some clubs seem to like the tough conditions better than others, but Servette the champions and current leaders go storming on. In a recent match against Grenchen they ran up eleven goals—five of them being claimed by outside-left Jacky Fatton, who has scored more than 300 goals in Swiss football despite spending several seasons as a professional with French Club Lyon.

National coach Karl Rappan will be visiting Chile this month to explore the "battlefield" for himself. He wanted to take the team with him, but this has been ruled out and instead he will reserve suitable accommodation and make arrangements for training, etc.

It is hoped to arrange another international trainers' course at Macolin this summer with Sepp Herberger organising the programme!

FRANCE

Coaches in the news

DESPITE their World Cup failures, the F.F.F. has decided they still have complete confidence in team chief Georges Verriest, though few other Frenchmen seem to feel the same way. They point to his achievements—two wins in nine games—and five of them goal-less.

Reims coach Albert Batteux celebrates his twenty-fifth anniversary with the club this month. One of the players who brought Reims into the limelight of division one, M. Batteux is eager to celebrate with a championship success. Early in the new year the Reims stars Kopa, Fontaine and Akesbi all reported fit together for the first time since August—but Roger Piantoni is still hobbling around after a knee operation.

SWEDEN

Clamour for fixtures

THERE have been no developments yet regarding the players' claims for professionalism — perhaps the World Cup failure did not help! Sweden's elimination was well received in many quarters though not because they feared or disliked the Swedes. F.I.F.A. rules bar the finalists from meeting during the three months before the series and many teams were quick with their invitations anxious to use the Swedish XI as sparring partners. Brazil (two matches), Czechoslovakia and Russia have all arranged to meet Sweden in April.

For the first time, Sweden will be represented at the New York summer tournament. Elfsborg (Boras), surprise winners of the championship have agreed to play in the first section of the series despite their somewhat dismal record during the winter tour.

RUSSIA

Greatest Second Division

DESPITE their participation in the World Cup the new season will commence on May 2 with twenty and not twenty-two (as first announced) clubs in the premier group. The country's one-and-a-half million players are concentrated in the western half of the country though the league competition is now almost fully representative. In its new form the Russian League is by far the biggest in the world with no less than 146 clubs in the nine section second division!

Arsenal centre-forward, Mel Charles appears to be trying to push the goalpost out of the way so that Eddie Hopkinson, Bolton's English international goalkeeper can stand up. In actual fact Charles fell over Hopkinson and used the post to stop himself from falling over in this English League First Division match. (Central 1.)

BRAZIL

Yet another trophy

SANTOS, the Sao Paulo champions, added the CBD Cup to their honours and so won their way through to the South American Cup. In the final they were surprisingly held to 1-1 by SC Bahia but Pele (three) and Coutinho (two) settled the "provincials" in the second match 5-1.

Star goalkeeper Gylmar, who was with Corinthians when he played in Sweden four years ago, has finally joined Santos at the give away fee—£1,000. Hitherto the Santos rearguard has been thought suspect at times, and the presence of Gylmar will do much to restore the situation. Meantime the forwards more than make up for any weaknesses behind, and Pele was once more the number one goalgetter for 1961. His bag this time was 107 (forty-seven in League matches).

The World Cup party has not yet been announced but the official party is being put together. Included so far are a chef, a dentist, a dietician and a chiropodist.

HUNGARY

Boszik—a century

BY coincidence or design a great number of Hungarian players have wintered in South America for in addition to the eighteen-strong international side, Ujpest Dozsa and Ferencvaros have both made extensive tours. In Montevideo, Hungary drew 1-1 with Uruguay though it was a far cry from the wonderful match that ensued when the two countries last met in 1954. Tempers became frayed towards the end but for Joszef Boszik it was a memorable day bringing him his 100th cap.

BULGARIA

Spoiled their record

QUALIFYING for the first time in the World Cup, the Bulgarians blotted their record in Brussels where Belgium beat them 4-0. Previously they had been unbeaten in 1961 and this too would have been a record.

Before eliminating France the first half of the league programme was wound up with the Army club CDNA (as usual) setting the pace. After thirteen games they have dropped only two points and with a nine-point lead over their nearest challengers Spartak and Botev (both from Plovdiv) they seem certain to win the title yet again.

AUSTRIA

Vienna need Decker

KARL Decker, the national coach, is in a quandary for though he is completely wrapped up in the future of his international squad who have staged such a remarkable recovery, his heart is still with the club he served for fourteen years as a player, 1st Vienna. Struggling to avoid relegation, Vienna have asked Mr. Decker to save them. The next move is up to the F.A.

After an absence of seven years, sixty-one times capped Ernst Ocwirk staged his comeback at inside-right for Austria against Egypt in Cairo but could not prevent a 1-0 defeat. Now it seems clear that schemer Helmut Senekowitsch played a key role in the Austrians' successes for since he went to Spain (Betis) they have lost two successive games. Ocwirk's recall emphasises that inside men are just as scarce in Vienna!

1961

a detailed review of the year

by ERIC BATTY

1961 will always be remembered as the year in which a handful of England's best footballers were transferred to Italian clubs. One such star was Gerry Hitchens who left the smoky Midlands of his native land where he played for Aston Villa, to become the centre-forward of Inter-Milan. He is shown (left in our picture) in a heading duel during an Italian league match. (Keystone 1.)

ATTEMPTING to work out World ratings on the basis of twelve months' results is a difficult task for few teams played the same number of games and all drew up their own list of variable opponents. Awarding points on the normal basis would give top places to Yugoslavia, Russia and Hungary, simply because they were in action more often than anyone else and teams who played fewer than eight matches would automatically be ruled out of the running.

The basis chosen for comparison is the same as that adopted last year. After giving two points for a win and one for a draw, the total points gained are divided by the number of points which could have been won and the result gives the percentage of success achieved.

It seems to work, too, for all the best teams are placed near the top and comparing the ranking list with the sixteen World Cup finalists we find that the ten European teams for Chile are all in the first thirteen places, while in South America the top six all go to Chile! Three countries managed to separate the finalists—Sweden and Scotland who both earned play-offs before being eliminated and Austria who did not enter at all.

The system adopted appears to give a fair result, but it would be foolish to accept the placings without some reservations. Spain, for example, had a comparatively easy programme for of the European teams they met only lowly placed Wales (twice) and France (twice). Their other fixtures were against Morocco at home and away and Argentina who are seldom at their best in Europe and from the Spanish point of view the greatest satisfaction accrues from the fact that they beat Argentina for the first time ever.

Yugoslavia are another highly placed team with an easy programme, which included five games against Asian opposition. Their best result was almost certainly the 2-1 win over previously unbeaten Austria in Zagreb but they were also beaten at home 4-2 by Hungary!

The Austrians who slid back a little after their inside-left Senekowitsch was transferred to Real Betis were accepted as Europe's number one team until the Yugoslavs beat them, but only four days after the New Year they really came a cropper when losing 1-0 to Egypt! This, of course, is not reflected in the figures but it seems clear that something has gone radically wrong in Vienna.

West Germany, Czechoslovakia and England all impressed as strong workmanlike sides who could do well though they were all beaten once away from home. The German defeat in Santiago last March where the conditions were obviously different from those prevailing in Europe at that time and which they had been playing on only a few days previously; England were decisively beaten by Austria in May and the Czechs were narrowly defeated in Glasgow where the Scots seldom prove easy victims for any visiting side.

Perhaps the best performance was put up by Russia who improved tremendously during the second half of the year. In Buenos Aires where no European team had won during the last ten years they beat Argentina 2-1 and left a fine impression. Further victories in Santiago and Montevideo added to their prestige and among the South Americans at least they are thought to be Europe's top challenger for the World Cup.

Highly placed Italy owe much of their success that played four of their five matches at home while the fifth was a relatively easy match against Israel! The Italians have the potential if they persist in using their high priced South American imports, but their performance in the period under review hardly merits sixth place in the table!

Only one of the senior European countries failed to gain a place in the ranking list. The minimum qualification was fixed at four matches and though Rumania were unbeaten in 1961 they played only three times—all three games against Turkey (!) Of the other teams whose achievements have been passed over Morocco stand out as the most successful. A double over East Germany and creditable performances against Spain and Yugoslavia clearly show that they cannot be omitted for much longer but this survey was aimed primarily at the World Cup and for this reason Africa and Asia were left out simply gecause they failed to produce even one finalist.

Finally a word of commendation for Belgium who seem to be on the upgrade. After failing to gain even one World Cup point in matches against Sweden and Switzerland the

RESULTS OF 196

JANUARY			
Honduras	0	Costa Rica	1
Morocco	1	Tunisia	1
FEBRUARY			
Egypt	0	Hungary	2
MARCH			
West Germany	1	Belgium	0
Israel	1	Ethiopia	0
France	1	Belgium	1
Israel	3	Ethiopia	2
Portugal	6	Luxembourg	0
Holland	6	Belgium	2
Costa Rica	1	Mexico	0
Czechoslovakia	2	Sweden	1
Chile	3	West Germany	1
Costa Rica	6	Antilles	0
Ghana	0	Morocco	0
APRIL			
Spain	2	France	0
Mexico	7	Antilles	0
Mexico	4	Costa Rica	1
Switzerland	0	Austria	5
Ireland	1	Wales	5
England	9	Scotland	3
Hungary	2	East Germany	0
Holland	1	Mexico	2
Wales	1	Spain	2
Antilles	2	Costa Rica	0
Italy	3	Ireland	2
Czechoslovakia	2	Mexico	1
Holland	0	Hungary	3
Turkey	1	Rumania	1
MAY			
Greece	2	Ireland	1
Chile	1	Brazil	2
Yugoslavia	2	Hungary	4

		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
1.	SPAIN	7	5	2	0	12	5	85.71
2.	YUGOSLAVIA	10	8	1	1	26	12	85.00
3.	AUSTRIA	6	5	0	1	14	5	83.33
4.	W. GERMANY	6	5	0	1	13	6	83.33
5.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	8	6	1	1	27	12	81.25
6.	ITALY	5	4	0	1	19	8	80
7.	RUSSIA	10	7	1	2	16	7	75
8.	BULGARIA	6	4	1	1	8	6	75
9.	ENGLAND	9	5	3	1	30	12	72.22
10.	SWEDEN	8	5	0	3	18	8	62.5
11.	HUNGARY	12	6	3	3	24	19	62.5
12.	SCOTLAND	8	5	0	3	23	21	62.5
13.	SWITZERLAND	5	3	0	2	7	13	60
14.	POLAND	7	3	2	2	12	7	57.14
15.	TURKEY	7	3	1	3	6	6	50
16.	BELGIUM	8	3	1	4	15	12	43.75
17.	DENMARK	6	2	1	3	16	14	41.66
18.	WALES	6	1	2	3	10	10	33.33
19.	HOLLAND	6	1	2	3	11	15	33.33
20.	PORTUGAL	5	1	1	3	9	9	30
21.	FRANCE	7	1	2	4	7	10	28.57
22.	IRELAND	7	1	1	5	9	19	21.42
23.	FINLAND	6	1	0	5	7	24	16.66
24.	E. GERMANY	7	0	2	5	6	14	14.28
25.	NORWAY	8	0	1	7	5	22	12.5
26.	EIRE	4	0	0	4	3	17	0

THE COLD FACTS

● *The two tables (Europe, left, and South America, below), have been compiled from a host of results in 1961, including World Cup, British Championship, friendly internationals, etc. They do not represent a complete list of 1961 results; many matches have been excluded because they are irrelevant to the compilation in this particular percentage-success table.*

and for South America:

	P	W	D	F	A	%
1. BRAZIL	3	3	0	6	3	100
2. COLOMBIA	2	1	1	2	1	75
3. URUGUAY	5	2	2	8	7	60
4. MEXICO	10	4	3	16	14	55
5. ARGENTINA	8	2	3	12	12	43.75
6. CHILE	7	2	1	11	9	35.71
7. BOLIVIA	2	0	1	2	3	25
8. PERU	2	0	1	1	2	25
9. PARAGUAY	5	0	2	3	9	20

Belgians staged an autumn rally that brought eleven goals without reply in the autumn! France 3-0, Holland 4-0 and Bulgaria 4-0 were the victims!

For South America the four match limit had to be ignored for with the exception of Mexico and Argentina who each undertook lengthy European tours the entire continent has been unusually inactive. Here the biggest surprise is the failure of Paraguay, though their poor showing is largely due to the fact that foreign teams have skimmed the cream from their game.

Of the others it can be said with reasonable justification that Argentina are a little better than their figures indicate; Chile are on the upgrade and Mexico look a better proposition on paper than they are in fact. Chile who will have all the advantages in their favour during the World Cup played all their seven games at home without distinguishing themselves. Brazil beat them twice in Santiago and so, too, did Uruguay while their other matches were all against European sides struggling against the conditions as much as the opposition.

The most disappointing feature of 1961 was the total failure of the game as a whole to produce even one outstanding team. Brazil were the only possible exception.

1 GAMES WHICH HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN OUR TABLE

Peru	1	Colombia	1
West Germany	2	Ireland	1
England	8	Mexico	0
Chile	0	Brazil	1
Colombia	1	Peru	0
Scotland	4	Eire	1
Eire	0	Scotland	3
Poland	1	Bulgaria	1
Turkey	0	Rumania	1
Czechoslovakia	4	Scotland	0
East Germany	1	Holland	1
Norway	1	Mexico	1
Switzerland	2	Belgium	1
Paraguay	0	Argentina	0
Spain	1	Wales	1
Poland	1	Russia	0
Portugal	1	England	1
Antilles	0	Mexico	0
Italy	2	England	3
Austria	3	England	1
Sweden	4	Switzerland	0
Denmark	1	East Germany	1
Hungary	3	Wales	2
Morocco	1	Ghana	0

JUNE

Norway	0	Turkey	1
Portugal	0	Argentina	2
Japan	0	South Korea	2
Hungary	1	Austria	2
Spain	2	Argentina	0
Italy	4	Argentina	1
Finland	0	Bulgaria	2
Denmark	1	Sweden	2
Yugoslavia	3	Morocco	2
Czechoslovakia	3	Argentina	3
Russia	1	Turkey	0
East Germany	1	Morocco	2
Russia	1	Argentina	0
Poland	1	Yugoslavia	1
Finland	4	Norway	1

JULY

Russia	5	Norway	2
Brazil	3	Paraguay	2
Bolivia	1	Uruguay	1
Uruguay	2	Bolivia	1

AUGUST

Sweden	4	Finland	0
Norway	0	Russia	3

SEPTEMBER

East Germany	2	Hungary	3
Russia	0	Austria	1
Yugoslavia	2	Poland	1
Norway	0	Denmark	4
West Germany	5	Denmark	1
Scotland	3	Czechoslovakia	2
England	4	Luxembourg	1
France	5	Finland	1
Belgium	0	Sweden	2
Luxembourg	4	Portugal	2
Yugoslavia	5	South Korea	1
Eire	1	Czechoslovakia	3
Poland	0	West Germany	2

OCTOBER

Austria	2	Hungary	1
Ireland	1	Scotland	6
Rumania	4	Turkey	0
Argentina	5	Paraguay	1
Chile	2	Uruguay	3
Wales	1	England	1
Israel	2	Italy	4
Denmark	9	Finland	1
Turkey	1	South Korea	0
Ireland	2	Greece	0
Belgium	3	France	0
Hungary	3	Holland	3
Israel	1	South Korea	1
Poland	3	East Germany	1
Sweden	2	Norway	0
West Germany	2	Greece	1
England	2	Portugal	0
Czechoslovakia	7	Eire	1
Bulgaria	3	Finland	1
Switzerland	3	Sweden	2
Turkey	2	Norway	1
Mexico	1	Paraguay	0

NOVEMBER

Italy	6	Israel	0
Poland	5	Denmark	0
Malta	1	Norway	1
Paraguay	0	Mexico	0
Scotland	2	Wales	0
Russia	2	Turkey	1
Bulgaria	1	France	0
Morocco	0	Spain	1
Switzerland	2	Sweden	1
Holland	0	Belgium	4
Yugoslavia	2	Austria	1

DECEMBER

Argentina	1	Russia	2
England	1	Ireland	1
Chile	0	Russia	1
Spain	3	Morocco	2
South Korea	1	Yugoslavia	3
Japan	0	Yugoslavia	1
Czechoslovakia	4	Scotland	2
Uruguay	1	Russia	2
Morocco	2	East Germany	0
Chile	5	Hungary	1
Indonesia	1	Yugoslavia	5
Tunisia	2	Nigeria	2
Israel	0	Yugoslavia	2
Ghana	5	Nigeria	1
Uruguay	1	Hungary	1
France	1	Spain	1
Chile	0	Hungary	0
Bulgaria	1	France	0
Belgium	4	Bulgaria	0

EIRE SUMMARY **by TOM MULDOWNEY**

A year of disappointment

EIRE looks back in anger on 1961. A year of shame on the International field and disappointment at home where playing standards continued on the downgrade.

Off-field activities had little to recommend. Board-room squabbles and muddles abounded, while loquacious legislators promised progress and a tomorrow that never came.

Meanwhile, the patient paying public watched soccer suicide, but indicted the guilty by boycotting games in large numbers, especially representative fixtures, where to them, soccer politics seemed to predominate in team selection.

Poor gate receipts hit clubs where it hurts most. Empty coffers are pathways to extinction and if the fans so desire, they can pave plenty of them. Some effort, therefore, should be made to eradicate the ills driving Irish soccer into an early grave.

Kick and rush football, poor referees, bad grounds, inadequate covered accommodation, early winter starts, to mention a few that crop up year after year. Officialdom must consider the comfort of spectators if they want their sympathy and support. The missing masses will not now return but those still coming should be retained.

The entire league set-up needs a face lift. Clubs and legislators who will not go forward should make way for those who will. Soccer is a young man's game on the field, and off-field young ideas are needed. Eire wants more professional coaches out working with the schoolboys, the stars of the future.

Twelve clubs competing for five major trophies borders on the ridiculous. Cup and league suffices in bigger and better footballing nations than Eire. Why not extend the league? Bring in amateur clubs, who would not be crippled with wage problems. Teams like Home Farm, St. James Gate, Jacobs, Workmans Club, Longford Town and Bray Wanderers would be an asset to the league. A first and second division with promotion and relegation to stimulate interest, would ensure its success. With a mid-winter break cutting out snow-soccer in December and January, the use of floodlights and abolition of nondescript competitions, there would be no fixture lag and more comfort for everyone.

I have digressed, and must return to colourless 1961. For all that, it had its magical moments and in retrospect they tend to become more memorable.

With Eire and World Cup ties on the agenda the second stage of the 1960/61 season promised much when January ushered in the second of the soccer-sick sixties.

A keen battle

Waterford, Dundalk, St. Patricks and Drumcondra jostled for league leadership, with the winning of the pennant, secondary to the fat cheque of European Cup participation. The keen battle for points brought the fans out in force, especially when Drumcondra's ace scorer Dan McCaffrey and Dundalk's one-armed wonder Jimmy Hasty were in action.

Little Limerick jumped into the transfer market and signed Eddie Mulvey from Stockport County, while struggling Sligo with eyes on a good run in the cup brought Peter Farrell back to the League of Ireland after an absence of fifteen years.

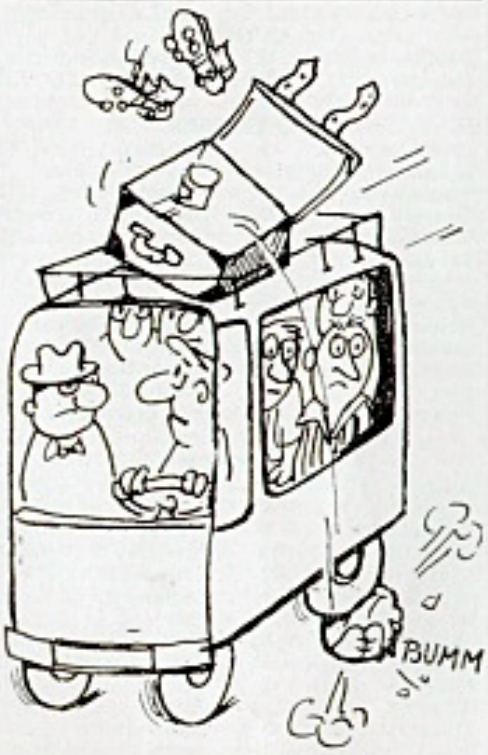
Arsenal's manager, George Swindin, was the first of many to visit the Emerald Isle in search of talent. He had a look at Waterford's Jim O'Neill. Next came Glasgow Celtic's "eye" Sean Fallon to watch Shamie Coad. To the relief of Waterford's loyal followers no business was done.

Soccermen everywhere sent their good wishes, to Eire's Secretary, Joe Wickham, on the occasion of his twenty-fifth year in office. A great record by a wonderful personality. The game owes him much. Plans were laid for a new North-South Inter-City cup tourney between four selected teams from the two Associations, and from Canada came news that a team of exiles, "The Emeralds", had won the Toronto league.

'The entire Eire League set-up needs a giant face-lift'

March and April were crowded months. The Eire league went down to the Irish league in a fixture that watchers both sides of the border could do without. Strike threat came from the Players Union in their dispute with Eire F.A., and rumblings continued for many months before peace was restored. Drumcondra won the championship. Their centre-forward, Dan McCaffrey, established a new goal record (fifty) and was awarded the Irish Writers "Soccer Personality Prize". Alas! Drums' hopes of the double were spurned by St. Patricks, who won the cup with a late goal from the lucky left foot of Will Peyton.

Southern clubs fared badly in the Inter-City cup. Linfield and Glenavon qualified to make it an all North final, not yet decided in the opening weeks of the new year. Drumcondra, in the headlines to the very end, crowned a record breaking season by defeating Cork Celtic to take the Independent Cup and with it the "team of the year" title.



The small club who only had one football....

Shamrock Rovers, on the eve of their departure to compete in the American International league, sacked coach Albie Murphy and put international pivot Shay Keogh, Chairman of the Players Union on the transfer list.

Then came miserable May with World Cup time and the Hampden hammering, followed four days later by the Dalymount débacle to end Eire's hopes of a summer in Chile.

An item of news almost overlooked read, "Charlie Tully has left Cork Hibernians and retired from football". The end of an era, what memories to muse, has Charlie, during his idle days. Good luck to the "chappie" who thrilled so many during a great career.

Financial failure

Annual General Meetings of Eire's legislators showed the season as a financial failure and produced a series of refusals to the many innovations suggested. The mid-winter break, sponsored by Shamrocks, division of turnstile takings and extension of league membership, in turn, bit the dust.

In the States Rovers, aided by guests Tuohy, Newcastle, and Frank O'Neill, who later joined the Milltown club, lived up to William Cox's prediction that they would be good box-office. Though on-field success was limited to two draws and a shock 5-1 win over fancied Red Star.

Eire's referees were honoured in August. Pip Meaghan took charge of the Norway-Russia World Cup and Billy O'Neill went to Reyjkavik for Iceland's joust with Holland.

The new season opened with Drumcondra running the Dollymount sand dunes in Herb Elliott fashion in preparation for their European Cup games against Nurnburg. To no avail, the West German champions won both legs as did Dunfermline, Scottish winners, against St. Patrick's in the European Cup winners' competition.

Bright spot of the year came with the dramatic Dalymount draw with Scotland's league eleven. A glorious Ronnie Nolan goal did the trick. Later the green clad part-timers went down to the full England team masquerading as a league selection. The match at Eastville drew a big attendance and a proposed Inter-City competition between Bristol, Dublin, Cork and Glasgow followed. Committees were set up and progress reported.

Sackcloth and ashes replaced the national colours as Czechoslovakia strolled to victory in another Dalymount bore. For the return at Prague the selectors sent an unchanged squad, duly trampled on by the cocky Czechs. For the record the 7-1 scoresheet was the worst in Eire's history.

Drumcondra continued as champion club, winning the President Cup, Shield and Leinster Cup and losing the Dublin City Cup to Cork Celtic after three thrill-packed finals. During 1961 the team from the Tolka won five of the seven competitions played and were runners-up in the other two. Coaches Roy Prole and Frank Radford take a bow.

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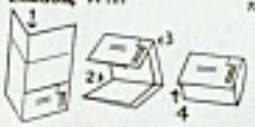

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There's room at the top in Irish League

COLIN McALPIN gets the Irish League news right up-to-date

WITH the Irish League proper now well under way it seems that, as I predicted, there would be some surprises. Biggest surprise is the fact that Ards are leading the race. I saw them play Distillery over the Christmas holidays and, personally, I did not think they were as good as their league position makes them out. True, at the time of writing they do share their top billing with two other clubs—Ballymena and Portadown—and Ards may still find the going a little too much for themselves, only time and a lot more games will prove me right or wrong.

There is, at the moment, quite a lot of Room at the Top for, apart from the three above-mentioned teams sharing top place, two others, Linfield and Crusaders, are close behind. It must, however, be remembered that Portadown have a game in hand for their Christmas match against Derry City at the Derry ground was called off at the last minute and this caused quite a lot of bother and comment.

From the top of the table (as it stands at the moment) to the bottom where, as I thought, poor old Cliftonville are resting in their usual place. However even the Reds are bent on proving me wrong. Everybody in Northern Ireland expects Cliftonville to come last as sure as ever and some people might even give them two or three points at the most, but it is the expected thing for the Solitude club to apply for re-admission at the end of every season. This time, though they are at the bottom, there seems to be a new wave of prosperity blowing round the terraces at Cliftonville. Their goal tally for the season is certainly a lot better than it was last season and they have collected three points so far. The way they are playing at the moment, don't be surprised if they go on to collect a few more.

Along with Cliftonville at the bottom is Distillery who share their position with such clubs as Bangor, Coleraine and Derry. Distillery are something of a mystery, they are supposed to be one of the best footballing sides in the Irish League and in fact I reckon they are, but those goals just won't come although Ken Hamilton has managed to get into the scorers' tables.

Now to the other clubs who are down at the foot of the table. Coleraine have let everybody down. Great things were expected from Peacock's men, at the start of the season there was a host of promises coming from the Show Grounds—promises which even went as far as floodlights. Derry City, the team that almost had to give up League soccer at the end of last season, too came back promising much; they signed ex-England star Ernie Taylor and their own star began to show signs of a little of that lost sparkle, now they are back where they started from. Bangor managed to hold leaders Ards to a draw over the Christmas holidays but there was not much cheer at the seaside town, for they too are at the bottom.

Glenavon and Glentoran are in the middle of the table and could, if they showed a little more effort, rise higher.

Now that we are in the new year of 1962 and the second half of the season it is perhaps a fitting time to look back. All in all it has not been a great year, politics kept Linfield out of the European Cup and luck gave the International side a little glory. Some terrible football kept the terraces empty and that "Wind of Change" blew right past the Irish League. Everybody admits something must be done to save the league from a death that will be a little faster than most think—the only trouble is, what can be done? Admit two more clubs (Larne and Newry Town have been knocking the door for long enough) pitch out Cliftonville and Derry City? The former suggestion I like better than the latter.

As usual it all rests with the 2s. fan, give him what he wants and he will come back for more. The trouble is that some of the fans don't know what they want, they never go to the games and so they don't see what is being offered. It is worth thinking about in 1962—but I hope the fans think about it as they *watch* the games and not judge on the papers and the television. Every new year is supposed to be the big year, the do-or-die year for football in Ulster. Well, this time I think we have come to it.

CANADA'S PROS ARE STRONGER

Says BRIAN CARTMELL

THE Eastern Professional league (Canada) is going ahead with its campaign for 1962. Secretary Billy Simpson said that the four clubs who formed the league initially in 1961, Toronto City, Hamilton Steelers, Montreal Cantalia and Toronto Italia maybe reinforced by teams from Ottawa, Detroit and Chicago.

The league kick-off takes place in May and runs through until July. On the Western side, prospects look bleak for Vancouver and Edmonton. Although both cities were approached about promoting pro-soccer they could not find a backer to put up the cash.

Now it looks as if they will be left in the cold. When they try to seek entry again in 1963 they could well be isolated while Eastern clubs battle for big gates and against top foreign opposition.

Glasgow Rangers may also visit Canada. CFA secretary Anderson had talks with top "blues" officials at Ibrox during his visit to Scotland last month. Anderson tried to get Rangers over in 1959 but they were tied up with the European Cup. They still are and Rangers may decide to stay nearer home.

Neil Franklin, former England and Stoke City centre-half, has shown some interest in moving here lately and may emigrate to Canada in the New Year. If he does at least two top Canadian clubs would like to know when.

South American Club Cup draw

From our special correspondent

THE South American equivalent of the European Cup is the South American Cup for Clubs. Penarol became the first winners of the trophy in 1960 when they defeated Olimpia of Paraguay (1-0 and 1-1) in the two-legged final. The winners of this competition meet the European Cup winners in a kind of unofficial World Cup for Clubs. Real Madrid were the holders of this first such cup of course.

Penarol retained their title last year in the South American Cup by eliminating Palmeiras of Brazil (1-0 and 1-1), similar scores to the previous season. Then they defeated Benfica for the unofficial World title after a three-match decider with the Portuguese.

The draw for the 1962 South American Cup has been made and has been zoned as follows: **Zone A:** Santos (Brazil), Cerro Porteno (Paraguay) and The Strongest of La Paz (Bolivia). **Zone B:** Racing Buenos Aires (Argentina), Sporting Club Cristal of Lima (Peru) and Nacional (Uruguay). **Zone C:** Universitad Catholica (Chile), Millonarios (Colombia) and either Barcelona or Nacional of Quito (Ecuador).

Penarol, the holders, will then be drawn with the winners of the above zones in the semi-finals of the competition.

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rare opportunity to see some of the best players on the continent, and can do much to close the slowly widening rift between Eastern and Western Europe. The first tournament promised the beginning of a new era in European football: the second may well see that promise fulfilled.

THE draw for the first round of the second series has, as I have explained earlier, now been made and is as follows:

Hungary v. Wales; Poland v. Northern Ireland; Iceland v. Republic of Ireland; France v. England; Italy v. Turkey; Spain v. Rumania; Norway v. Sweden; Switzerland v. Holland; Bulgaria v. Portugal; Yugoslavia v. Belgium; Denmark v. Malta; Greece v. Albania; East Germany v. Czechoslovakia.

Russia as holders, Luxembourg and Austria drew byes and will go into the hat for the second round with the thirteen winners of the above matches.

The home and away ties of the first round must be completed by the spring of 1963 when the draw for the second round will be made.

Completion of the whole tournament will be in July, 1964. At the moment no definite dates have been arranged for any of the above matches and much will depend on various local factors of course, though some of the games will probably be played before the World Cup finals in Chile are decided.

With more entries this time, the competition seems certain to gain in popularity and create further international stimulation in a Europe hungry for such prestige-raising and interest-boosting contests.

There seems no reason why it should not present considerable appeal as the recent past has proved that this type of tournament is well received by the soccer-going public of Europe.

THE PROGRESS OF THE 1958-1960 CHAMPIONSHIP

†U.S.S.R.	3	1	U.S.S.R.	walkover							
Hungary	1	0									
†Poland	2	0	Spain	forfeit			U.S.S.R.	3			
Spain	4	3									
†Rumania	3	0	†Rumania	0	0						
Turkey	0	2					Czechoslovakia	0			
†Denmark	2	1	Czechoslovakia	2	3					U.S.S.R.	2
Czechoslovakia	2	5									
†France	7	*1	†France	5	4						
Greece	1	1					France	4			
†Norway	0	2	Austria	2	2						
Austria	1	5								YUGOSLAVIA	1
Portugal	2	3	†Portugal	2	1					(after extra time)	
†East Germany	0	2					YUGOSLAVIA	5			
Bulgaria	0	1	YUGOSLAVIA	1	5						
†YUGOSLAVIA	2	1									

†Home team in first leg.
*France fielded her 'B' team in the away leg.

1958-1960 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STAGES IN FRANCE

SEMI-FINAL
(Marseilles)

U.S.S.R. 3 (Ivanov 2, Ponedelnik)
Czechs 0

U.S.S.R.: Yachin; Tchekheli, Kroutikov; Voinov, Maslenkin, Netto; Metreveli, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Bouboukin, Meskhi.

Czechs: Schroiff; Safranek, Novak; Bubernik, Popluhar, Masopust; Vojta, Moravcik; Kvasniak, Bubnik, Dolinsky.
Attendance: 23,175.

SEMI-FINAL
(Paris)

France 4 (Galic, Vincent, Heutte 2)
Yugoslavia 5 (Wisnieski, Zanetic, Knez, Jerkovic 2)

France: Lamia; Wendling, Rodrik; Marcel, Herbin, Ferrier; Heutte, Muller, Wisnieski, Stevenard, Vicent.

Yugo: Soskic; Durkovic; Jusufi; Zanetic, Zebec, Perusic; Knez, Jerkovic, Galic, Sekularac, Kostic.
Attendance: 26,370.

THIRD PLACE
(Marseilles)

Czechs 2 (Bubnik, Pavlovic)
France 0

Czechs: Schroiff; Safranek, Novak; Bubernik, Popluhar, Masopust; Pavlovic, Vojta, Malnar, Bubnik, Dolinsky.

France: Taillandier; Rodzik, Chorda; Marcel, Jonquet, Slatka; Heutte, Douis, Wisnieski, Stevenard, Vicent.
Attendance: 9,438.

FINAL
(Paris)

U.S.S.R. 2 (Metreveli, Ponedelnik)
Yugoslavia 1 (Galic)

U.S.S.R.: Yachin; Tchekheli, Kroutikov; Voinov, Maslenkin, Netto; Metreveli, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Bouboukin, Meskhi.

Yugoslavia: Videnic; Durkovic, Jusufi; Zanetic, Miladinovic, Perusic; Matasz, Jerkovic, Galic, Sekularac, Kostic.
Attendance: 17,966.

A recent action photograph of Dragoslav Sekularac (right) who is considered to be the best player in the current Yugoslav international team of which he is captain. (Planet 1.)

Gordon Jeffery's SOUTH AMERICAN COMMENTARY

PENAROL MAKE THIRD ATTEMPT

LAST month's commentary was largely taken up with the international matches played between the Soviet Union and Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. This month to keep the picture in its proper perspective we must spend time looking at the domestic soccer scene in South America although there have been a number of interesting results of matches played between Hungarian club, as well as the national, sides and South American clubs whilst Dynamo Tiflis have been on a tour that included one of the "aspiring" Central American countries—Cuba.

A few months back I was writing about the Uruguayan champions, Penarol, and the victory over the European Champions Cup-holders, Benfica, in the unofficial World Club Championship. Penarol have since then retained the Uruguayan League championship and will again carry Uruguay's colours in the South American, rather loosely organised, counterpart to the European Champions Cup and attempt to win it for the third year in succession. A remarkable achievement.

Although Penarol ended the season three points ahead of their ancient rivals Nacional, the struggle between these traditional leaders of Uruguayan football had been a close and tense one throughout the season with the odds in Nacional's favour with six games to play. Penarol in the thirteenth "round" of League matches (with a total of eighteen to be played) dropped a point to Cerro, a side who, although they were not able to maintain the high level of their challenging form of the previous season, were always difficult to beat. Nacional won their match and, with twenty-one points in the bag, had then a two-point lead over Penarol who had, however, one match in hand. Both clubs won their next two matches—Nacional in the second of theirs narrowly beating the persistent Cerro by the only goal scored: then Penarol were able to fit in their postponed match against Rampla Juniors—and won it by two goals to nil to draw level with Nacional.

Fifteen matches played and both clubs on twenty-five points. The strain was beginning to tell and it was Nacional who weakened in the sixteenth match, losing at home to Defensor by two goals to nil whilst Penarol were beating Racing 3-1. But the Uruguayan fixture compiler, whether by anticipation of the inevitable or by chance, had arranged Penarol v. Nacional for the penultimate fixture. The opportunity was Nacional's to pull back in the single match the two goal lead Penarol had slipped into whilst they themselves were losing to Defensor. The opportunity was likewise Penarol's to get one point from a draw to make it impossible for Nacional to do better than tie with them—or to get two points and, with but one match left to play, gain a four-point advantage. That in fact was what did happen with Penarol winning an exciting match by the odd goal of five.

An anti-climax

After that the matches of the final day of the League season were something of an anti-climax with Nacional beating the ninth (or bottom but one) club Wanderers by two goals to one and a carefree Penarol dropping a point to Liverpool—one above Wanderers in the table. The final positions and points were thus:

1st	Penarol	...	30 points
2nd	Nacional	...	27 "
3rd	Defensor	...	23 "
4th	Danubio	...	17 "
5th	Cerro ...	...	16 "
6th	Rampla Js.	...	15 "
	Racing ...	...	15 "
8th	Liverpool	...	14 "
9th	Wanderers	...	12 "
10th	Fenix ...	...	10 "

The two clubs to be relegated are decided on the aggregate of their points over the past two seasons (an idea that has much to commend it) but the two to drop are still the bottom pair this season—Fenix and Wanderers, whose two-year aggregate was twenty-seven points apiece.

Top scorer in the League incidentally was Penarol's Ecuadorian star, Spencer. He scored eighteen goals.

Two brief notices

Before leaving Uruguay for a look at the final placings in Argentina, two brief notices about the Hungarian tour seem worth mentioning—the national team of Uruguay drew one-all their match with Hungary and in this match the great Hungarian player of their superb side of the middle-fifties, Boszik, made his hundredth international appearance. Later the Uruguayan club champions,

Penarol are the unofficial World Club Champions and they recently began a somewhat lengthy tour of Europe. On the left is the full-back William Martinez, who accompanies the touring party. It is thought that Penarol will remain in Europe until the rest of the national Uruguayan team begin their tour in April. In the main, Uruguay's World Cup team will comprise mostly of Penarol and Nacional stars. (O.)

Boca Juniors (Argentina) and Flamengo (Brazil) drew 2-2 in a game played at the Maracana Stadium. The picture on the right shows the Argentine goalkeeper saving a shot from one of the Flamengo forwards during an attack by the Brazilians. (Keystone.)

Penarol, also took on the Hungarian side and, at Montevideo, were beaten by four goals to three.

There was nothing like the same near end of season doubt about the eventual champions in Argentina. Racing soon got their noses in front and have been pulling ahead ever since—but the last few weeks of the season did produce one, it still seems, incredible result, and an interesting tussle for the second, third and fourth positions. With five of the thirty matches still to be played by every club in the League, Racing had forty points and were followed by San Lorenzo and River each with thirty-two points, Boca Juniors with thirty and Atlanta (twenty-nine). By winning their next match against Velez, Racing virtually made certain of the championship—eight points ahead with four games to play; River lost to Andes (1-2) and dropped back behind San Lorenzo (4-1 winners over Gimnasia) into a shared third place with Boca Juniors (5-0 victors over Lanus).

The following bout of matches brought Racing into conflict with their only possible challengers, San Lorenzo, and they emerged victorious—oddly by the same score as Penarol in Uruguay were beating Nacional, 3-2. Boca Juniors took advantage of San Lorenzo's defeat to move up level with them in second place thanks to a good winning performance against River who thus had slumped from second to fourth in two matches.

Racing's splendid record, then, after twenty-seven matches, read:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Racing	27	18	8	1	60	28	44

A record worthy of champions and not offering much chance for their next opponents from the bottom half of the table—Gimnasia y Esgrima de la Plata. All of which explains why, when I first saw the result Gimnasia 8 Racing 1, I refused to believe it was anything but a misprint and have avoided making any comment on it until I received more authentic "gen" from Buenos Aires. But there is no doubt about that result—nor were Racing without any of their stars or handicapped by injuries. It is, of course, true that for Racing the championship had already been won but even that cannot explain away a result that belongs to the happy unexpectedness that is football. It was Gimnasia's inside-right, Carro, who started the rout with a goal from a centre by inside-left Diego Bayo, in the opening minutes. Twenty minutes later Racing's international wing-half, Sacchi, equalised and there was no hint of the procession of Gimnasia goals to come.

Back in Lead

Then centre-half Daniel Bayo put Gimnasia back into the lead after thirty-two minutes and three minutes later Diego Bayo received from Carro to reverse the scoring movement of the latter's opening goal. On the stroke of half-time Gomez Sanchez, Gimnasia's outside-left, made the score 4-1.

In the second half, three goals in the first twenty minutes from Carro put paid to any hopes Racing may have had of saving the game, and Diego Bayo's eighth goal for Gimnasia and his own second, seven minutes from the end, was but the final nail in the coffin. Odd feature of the match was that none of the nine goals were scored by a centre-forward.

Atlanta by beating Boca Juniors by the odd goal in five during the same round of matches had moved up to third place together with a much improved River (3-0 winners against Argentinos). San Lorenzo stayed in second place. In the penultimate round of matches, Racing recovered a little from their shock rout by Gimnasia to get a point from Independiente, and in the final match convincingly beat Rosario by six goals to two. San Lorenzo made certain of second place with victories over Andes (5-3) and Boca Juniors (3-0), whilst River, ending the season with a belated sign of their definite worth, finished third by beating Oeste (3-1) and Huracan (1-0).

Malta for the European Nations Cup

AT a recent meeting of the Council of the Malta F.A. it was decided to apply for participation in the competition of the European Nations Cup and preparations are already ahead to have a suitable team for the occasion.

National Coach Joe Griffiths who left the National side to take over the First Division Club, Sliema Wanderers, has been succeeded by the qualified Coach, Carmelo Borg, a Government School Physical Instructor who has had a thorough course in U.K., sponsored by the local Government. Borg was previously coach for Valletta F.C. the present League leaders.

A case which most probably will have to be decided by the F.A. in London, is that of a local First Division player, full-back Charlie Mackay who joined Valletta F.C. from Floriana F.C. during the summer and has appeared in some matches for the latter club.

Mackay was an amateur with the Valletta Club and as such could leave at the end of the season, but his old club maintained that the player had also a professional registration form and when the case came up before the Malta F.A., the player and also the Secretary of Valletta were suspended for six months. However the player remained the property of Floriana F.C.

It is against this latter decision that Valletta applied to appeal to the F.A. in London. At long last the club has been granted permission to appeal on condition that they will pay all expenses if the club lose the case.

Negotiations with the Hungarian crack side Tatabanja to play a series of matches in Malta during Christmas time failed so the local F.A. brought the Yugoslav club Sarajevo at present lying midway in their league table.

Sarajevo opened the Tourney with two wins, 5-0 and 3-1 against Hibernians and Floriana respectively.

Another club to visit during these festivities was the Tripolitanian side Ittihad who have played in Malta before as well as having played host on many occasions to Maltese sides.

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awaiting the moment to tackle. Kubala came over to support his wingman and as Arteche looked up from the ball to measure his pass, Marche moved in, and came out with the ball.

With every man covered he could either have hammered the ball upfield or brought it on himself, and with the Spanish defence funnelling back Marche moved down the touchline. Thirty yards from goal the full-back hit over a high curling centre aimed at the far post.

Ramallets, a great performer and seldom better than when playing for Spain, was completely deceived by the flight of the ball that evaded everyone's attempt to reach it and dropped into the far corner of the goal. 4-1 for France, and the Parc erupted!

Three minutes later, after Spain had restarted the game, and were pressing in their turn, the cheers had not died down. Every tackle, every interception brought a roar of encouragement from the 38,000 capacity crowd.

HAMBURGER HAVE

A return soon for Hamburger Sport-Verein?

Twenty-nine times capped for West Germany; elected their Player of 1961 and Europe's joint sixth best along with Di Stefano—Uwe Seeler (above). This commercial traveller centre-forward is the man upon whom the majority of West Germany's World Cup hopes are pinned. (Planet 1.)

GERMAN domestic football has been overshadowed this season by Nurnberg's success in the European Cup and Eintracht's great victories over Rangers in Glasgow and Benfica in Lisbon. Hamburger Sport-Verein, the talk of Europe last year, have moved out of the limelight—but only for the time being. They have a tradition of success, an unbroken career in first-class football and a determination to avenge their European Cup defeat of last season. Their team is experienced, skilful and dedicated to its task: a combination which could prove formidable opposition in the near future.

H.S.V. are famous for their use of the forceful English style—but then football was introduced to the city by the British. It all began one day back in 1881, when a group of merchants banded together to form the Anglo-American soccer club. Within a few years the local inhabitants had taken to the game, and many other clubs began to spring up in the surrounding district. Hamburger Sport-Verein were established in 1887 and are the oldest surviving body in German League football; they have an impressive list of honours to match their long history. North German Cup-Winners in 1926, 1953, 1956, 1957 and 1960, they have carried off the regional Championship on twenty-five occasions; their victories include five-in-a-row 1921-1925, a hat-trick 1931-1933 and all but one since the war—an incredible record.

Success in North German competitions has enabled H.S.V. to make many appearances in the Championship Finals, with equally distinguished results; only two clubs, Nurnberg and Schalke, have reached the Grand Final on more occasions. Hamburg have been placed first in 1923, 1928 and 1960, second in 1924, 1957 and 1958—and declined the title in 1922.

The 1922 Final was a strange affair. H.S.V. played two matches against I.F.C. Nurnberg in Berlin and Leipzig, but despite extra time, both games ended in a draw. In accordance with the rules of the time, the referee, Dr. Bauwens, had to make the final choice between the two clubs. At the close of the second game he nominated Hamburg as Champions, but as their opponents had finished the match with ten men, they gallantly refused the award.

By a strange twist of fate, H.S.V. won the title outright the following season, and then reached the Final again in 1924, where their opponents were ... Nurnberg. But this time no opportunity arose for sporting gestures, for the North German team lost 2-0 and had a hard job to keep the score down to a respectable level. They may well have been a little regretful of the gallantry they had shown two years before!

Six players were regular members of Hamburg's successful team throughout this decade—half-backs Halvorsen and Carlsson, wingmen Kolzen and Rove, and two internationals, Baier at right-back and Otto Harder at centre-forward. Albert Baier played eleven times for Germany between 1924 and 1931, while Otto Harder was at his best a few years earlier, scoring fourteen

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT HAMBURGER S.V.

NAME	BORN	POSITION	OCCUPATION	CAPS FULL	CAPS "B"
Horst Schnoor	1934	Goalkeeper	Sales Assistant	–	2
Erwin Piechowiak	1936	Right-back	Mechanic	–	–
Jürgen Kurbjuhn	1940	Left-back	Student	–	–
Gerd Krug	1936	Right-half	Student	–	–
Ullrich Meinke	1938	Centre-half	Sales Assistant	–	1
Dieter Seeler	1931	Left-half	Businessman	–	1
Klaus Neisner	1936	Winger	Bank Clerk	–	–
Horst Dehn	1937	Forward	Sales Assistant	–	–
Harry Bähre	1941	Inside-right	Sales Assistant	–	–
Uwe Seeler	1936	Centre-forward	Commercial Traveller	29	3
Peter Wulf	1938	Inside-left	Sales Assistant	–	–
Gerd Dörfel	1939	Outside-left	Sales Assistant	6	–

FOUNDED: 29 September, 1887.

GROUND: Rothenbaumchaussee (Capacity 20,000); important matches are played at the Volkspark Stadium (Capacity 71,000).

MANAGER: Gunther Mahlmann (since 1956).

COLOURS: White shirts, red shorts, white stockings with black tops.

HONOURS: National Champions 1923, 1928, 1960; Runners-up 1924, 1957, 1958; North German Champions 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961.
North German Cup-Winners 1926, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1960.

TEMPORARILY LOST THEIR FORM, SAYS ROGER MACDONALD

goals in fifteen games for his country.

The name Edwin Seeler figures prominently in the Sport-Verein programmes of 1936. In November of that year he had a second son, Uwe—the Uwe Seeler who was to transform Hamburg from a power in North Germany to a power in Europe. While Jupp Posipal, Captain of the German World Cup side in 1954, was able to marshall a tough defence throughout the immediate post-war decade, it took a player of Seeler's genius to raise Hamburg to the level of an international club side. He was blooded at an early age in both club and international football, making his début for both Hamburg and Germany in 1954, but it was not until 1960 that he—and H.S.V.—blossomed in full maturity.

The disappointing defeats in the 1957 and 1958 Championship Finals had one vital compensation: the players gained experience of the tension in matches where so much is at stake. They were able to profit by this experience in the nail-biting clash with Köln in the 1960 Final, played at Frankfurt before 70,000 spectators.

It was not surprising that Seeler should be among the goal-scorers—he had notched thirty-six goals in the League that season—but his efforts were even more sensational than usual. He scored the equaliser (1-1) between *fifteen and twenty seconds* after Köln had taken the lead, and hit home the winner (3-2) with only minutes remaining.

H.S.V.'s second goal was scored by young Gerd Dörfel, then first choice for Germany on the left wing. A few months later I noted in a *Soccer Star* article that "Dörfel can be very dangerous if given only half a chance". He was given two whole chances in the European Cup-tie with Burnley, and how he took them! A sprint past the defence and a precise shot near the end of the game at Turf Moor put Hamburg in with a chance before their own supporters, and a furious and quite unstoppable drive clinched the tie at the Volkspark Stadium. Burnley might still have won, had not Seeler been on hand to demonstrate his agility with a diving header and to sprint down the middle in true Puskas style.

Until Benfica took the Cup home to Lisbon, Hamburg were undoubtedly the sensation of the competition. They beat Young Boys of Berne 5-0 away in the first round tie, and then—quite ridiculously—had a hard struggle to draw 3-3 at home! After the breath-taking battle with the English Champions, they met Barcelona, conquerors of Real Madrid, but in the midst of a slump.

Although nothing would go right for C.F.B. in the League, everything went right for them in the matches with Hamburger Sport-Verein. A goal up after the first leg in Spain, they met the German team at the Volksparkstadion when it was suffering both psychologically and physically from a serious injury to Dieter Seeler, Uwe's brother, inflicted during the League match preceding the Cup-tie. However, when Uwe Seeler put his side into a 2-1 aggregate lead in the sixty-first minute, H.S.V. seemed certain to win. They seemed even more certain to do so when only twenty seconds remained without any addition to the score. But those twenty seconds were enough for Sandor Kocsis to head home the equaliser, and it was a jaded Hamburg eleven that lost the play-off at Brussels through a lone goal scored by Evaristo during the first half.

The European Cup defeat was followed almost immediately by a disastrous performance in the Finals of the German League Championship. Uwe Seeler seemed as deadly as ever, scoring eight goals in six outings, but a tired defence collapsed utterly in three matches, conceding four goals in fifteen minutes at home to Borussia Dortmund, three in twelve minutes against Eintracht Frankfurt, and five in twenty-eight minutes during the disastrous second half at Dortmund, when the score dived from 2-1 to 2-7. The final sectional table showed H.S.V. in third place: they were out of the European Cup and they had failed to qualify for the next competition.

Gerd Dörfel, Hamburger SV and West German international outside-left is a sales assistant when he is not playing soccer. He currently holds six full caps. (Photo: Metelmann 1.)

THE HELPFUL FAN

Yet out of the darkness cometh the light . . . and Hamburger Sport-Verein quickly showed that their collapse in the Championship Finals was due to their exhausting programme of matches that season, rather than a genuine decline. When the North German League started once more, they won eleven games in succession, equalling their own record of 1953 and Hannover's record of 1954. Their goal average was equally astonishing—52 scored (nearly five per match) and only 13 conceded.

Two defeats in the next four matches, 3-0 and 2-1 away to Hildesheim and Werder Bremen, proved that H.S.V. could be defeated, but they have shown no signs of relinquishing their lead at the top of the table. For once Uwe Seeler is not the leading goalscorer, having been overhauled at the time of writing by Peter Wulf, who at twenty-two seems a great prospect. He has played in virtually every position for his club, but if this season is anything to go by he is wasted in a defensive role. Hamburg's eleventh win in a row was a 6-0 cannonade at the expense of Bremerhaven, and while Seeler scored two goals, Wulf had a personal tally of four, including three in thirteen minutes.

Peter Wulf is an excellent link between Seeler and Dörfel, who is promising to regain his place in the national side. The old stalwarts, goalkeeper Schnoor and captain and pivot Meinke are playing as well as ever, while Dieter Seeler is now happily recovered from his serious leg injury. The younger players, left-back Kurbjuhn and right-half Krug, have fitted in well with their experienced colleagues. All this adds up to a fine team, capable of taking on the best in Europe. If Hamburg remain consistent enough to win the German Championship, they will be formidable opposition in the European Cup next season.

European fixtures

League games for the month of March

BELGIUM

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Antwerp v. Union St. Gilloise; La Gantoise v. Charleroi; Anderlechtois v. Daring CB; Waterschei v. St. Truidense; Liegeois v. Beerschot; Lierse v. Brugeois; RCS Brugeois v. Standard; Diest v. Eendr. Aalst.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Charleroi v. Antwerp; Union St. Gilloise v. Anderlechtois; St. Truidense v. Lierse; Standard v. Waterschei; Eendr Aalst v. Liegeois; Daring CB v. Diest; Beerschot v. RCS Brugeois; Brugeois v. La Gantoise.

ENGLAND

SATURDAY, MARCH 3
Arsenal v. Blackburn Rovers; Birmingham City v. Manchester United; Bolton Wanderers v. Blackpool; Burnley v. West Ham United; Everton v. Wolverhampton Wanderers; Fulham v. Nottingham Forest; Ipswich Town v. Sheffield United; Leicester City v. Chelsea; Manchester City v. Tottenham Hotspur; Sheffield Wednesday v. Aston Villa; West Bromwich Albion v. Cardiff City.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
Aston Villa v. West Bromwich Albion; Blackburn Rovers v. Sheffield Wednesday; Blackpool v. Leicester City; Cardiff City v. Burnley; Chelsea v. Birmingham City; Manchester United v. Arsenal; Nottingham Forest v. Manchester City; Sheffield United v. Everton; Tottenham Hotspur v. Ipswich Town; West Ham United v. Fulham; Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Bolton Wanderers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Arsenal v. Cardiff City; Birmingham City v. Aston Villa; Bolton Wanderers v. Manchester United; Burnley v. Tottenham Hotspur; Everton v. Chelsea; Fulham v. Sheffield United; Ipswich Town v. Blackpool; Leicester City v. Blackburn Rovers; Manchester City v. Wolverhampton Wanderers; Sheffield Wednesday v. West Ham United; West Bromwich Albion v. Nottingham Forest.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23
Cardiff City v. Fulham.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
Aston Villa v. Burnley; Blackburn Rovers v. West Bromwich Albion; Blackpool v. Birmingham City; Chelsea v. Arsenal; Manchester United v. Sheffield Wednesday; Nottingham Forest v. Ipswich Town; Sheffield United v. Bolton Wanderers; Tottenham Hotspur v. Everton; West Ham United v. Manchester City; Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Leicester City.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
Arsenal v. Aston Villa; Birmingham City v. Blackburn Rovers; Bolton Wanderers v. Chelsea; Burnley v. Nottingham Forest; Everton v. Blackpool; Fulham v. Tottenham Hotspur; Ipswich Town v. Wolverhampton Wanderers; Leicester City v. Manchester United; Manchester City v. Sheffield United; Sheffield Wednesday v. Cardiff City; West Bromwich Albion v. West Ham United.

FRANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
Sedan v. Nancy; Metz v. Reims; Strasbourg v. St. Français; Sochaux v. Saint-Etienne; Angers v. Nice; R.C. Paris v. Lens; Le Havre v. Monaco; Lyon v. Rennes; Nimes v. Toulouse; Montpellier v. Rouen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Reims v. Angers; Nancy v. Le Havre; Sochaux v. Metz; Rennes v. R.C. Paris; St. Français v. Lyon; Saint-Etienne v. Strasbourg; Monaco v. Nimes; Nice v. Sedan; Toulouse v. Montpellier; Rouen v. Lens.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Sedan v. Reims; Metz v. Nancy; Strasbourg v. Sochaux; Angers v. Rennes; R.C. Paris v. St. Français; Le Havre v. Rouen; Lyon v. Saint-Etienne; Nice v. Monaco; Montpellier v. Nimes; Lens v. Toulouse.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
Reims v. Lyon; Nancy v. Montpellier; Sochaux v. Nice; Angers v. R.C. Paris; St. Français v. Metz; Rouen v. Rennes; Saint-Etienne v. Le Havre; Monaco v. Sedan; Nimes v. Lens; Toulouse v. Strasbourg.

ITALY

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
Atalanta v. Catania; Juventus v. Bologna; Lecco v. Lanerossi Vicenza; Mantova v. Roma; Milan v. Fiorentina; Padova v. Torino; Palermo v. Inter. Milan; Sampdoria v. Venezia; Spal v. Udinese.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
Atalanta v. Palermo; Bologna v. Mantova; Catania v. Torino; Inter. Milan v. Sampdoria; Juventus v. Milan; Padova v. Spal; Roma v. Fiorentina; Udinese v. Lecco; Venezia v. Lanerossi Vicenza.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Catania v. Udinese; Fiorentina v. Juventus; Lanerossi Vicenza v. Inter. Milan; Lecco v. Palermo; Mantova v. Atalanta; Milan v. Padova; Sampdoria v. Spal; Torino v. Roma; Venezia v. Bologna.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Atalanta v. Milan; Fiorentina v. Padova; Inter. Milan v. Venezia; Juventus v. Sampdoria; Lecco v. Catania; Palermo v. Mantova; Roma v. Bologna; Spal v. Torino; Udinese v. Lanerossi Vicenza.

MALTA

SATURDAY, MARCH 3
Floriana v. Hamrun S.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
St. George's v. B'Kara.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
Sliema W. v. Valetta.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Sliema W. v. St. George's.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
St. Patrick's v. Hibernians.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
Valetta v. Hibernians.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Hamrun S. v. St. Patrick's.

SCOTLAND

SATURDAY, MARCH 3
Aberdeen v. Hibernian; Celtic v. Dundee; Dundee United v. Airdrieonians; Dunfermline Athletic v. Stirling Albion; Falkirk v. Raith Rovers; Heart of Midlothian v. St. Johnstone; Kilmarnock v. Partick Thistle; Motherwell v. St. Mirren; Rangers v. Third Lanark.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
Airdrieonians v. Dunfermline Athletic; Dundee v. Rangers; Hibernian v. Motherwell; Partick Thistle v. Heart of Midlothian; Raith Rovers v. Kilmarnock; St. Johnstone v. Falkirk; St. Mirren v. Celtic; Stirling Albion v. Dundee United; Third Lanark v. Aberdeen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Aberdeen v. Dunfermline Athletic; Airdrieonians v. Celtic; Dundee United v. Motherwell; Falkirk v. Rangers; Hibernian v. St. Johnstone; Kilmarnock v. Stirling Albion; Partick Thistle v. St. Mirren; Raith Rovers v. Dundee; Third Lanark v. Heart of Midlothian.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
Celtic v. Aberdeen; Dundee v. Hibernian; Dunfermline Athletic v. Kilmarnock; Falkirk v. Airdrieonians; Heart of Midlothian v. Raith Rovers; Motherwell v. Third Lanark; Rangers v. Dundee United; St. Mirren v. St. Johnstone; Stirling Albion v. Partick Thistle.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
Aberdeen v. Kilmarnock; Dundee United v. Falkirk; Hibernian v. St. Mirren; Motherwell v. Heart of Midlothian; Partick Thistle v. Celtic; Raith Rovers v. Airdrieonians; St. Johnstone v. Rangers; Stirling Albion v. Dundee; Third Lanark v. Dunfermline Athletic.

SPAIN

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
Santander v. Elche; Zaragoza v. Betis; Sevilla v. Valencia; At. Bilbao v. Español; Barcelona v. Mallorca; R. Sociedad v. At. Madrid; R. Madrid v. Osasuna; Oviedo v. Tenerife.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
Tenerife v. Santander; Valencia v. R. Sociedad; Mallorca v. At. Bilbao; Osasuna v. Zaragoza; Betis v. Oviedo; Elche v. Sevilla; At. Madrid v. Barcelona; Español v. R. Madrid.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
R. Madrid v. Mallorca; At. Bilbao v. At. Madrid; Barcelona v. Valencia; Zaragoza v. Español; Sevilla v. Santander; Tenerife v. Betis; R. Sociedad v. Elche; Oviedo v. Osasuna.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Santander v. R. Sociedad; Valencia v. At. Bilbao; Mallorca v. Zaragoza; Osasuna v. Betis; Sevilla v. Tenerife; Español v. Oviedo; Elche v. Barcelona; At. Madrid v. R. Madrid.

SWITZERLAND

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
Basel v. Fribourg; Biel v. Luzern; La Chaux-de-Fonds v. Schauffhausen; Lausanne v. Grasshopper; Young Boys v. Lugano; Young Fellows v. Servette; Zurich v. Grenchen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
Fribourg v. Biel; La Chaux-de-Fonds v. Young Fellows; Grasshopper v. Schauffhausen; Grenchen v. Young Boys; Lugano v. Basel; Luzern v. Lausanne; Servette v. Zurich.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Basel v. Grenchen; Biel v. Lugano; Grasshopper v. La Chaux-de-Fonds; Lausanne v. Fribourg; Schauffhausen v. Luzern; Young Boys v. Servette; Zurich v. Young Fellows.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
La Chaux-de-Fonds v. Zurich; Fribourg v. Schaffhausen; Grenchen v. Biel; Lugano v. Lausanne; Luzern v. Grasshopper; Servette v. Basel; Young Fellows v. Young Boys.

PORTUGAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
Benfica v. Académica; Lusitano v. Covilha; Porto v. Olhanense; Atlético v. Salgueiros; Caf v. Leixoes; Vitória v. Vitória; Sporting v. Beira-Mar.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
Belenenses v. Benfica; Académica v. Lusitano; Covilha v. Porto; Olhanense v. Atlético; Salgueiros v. Caf; Leixoes v. Sporting; Beira-Mar v. Belenenses.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Lusitano v. Benfica; Porto v. Académica; Atlético v. Covilha; Caf v. Olhanense; Vitória v. Salgueiros; Beira-Mar v. Leixoes; Sporting v. Belenenses.

WEST GERMANY

SOUTH WEST
SUNDAY, MARCH 11
FK Pirmasens v. BSC Oppau; Neunkirchen v. Wormatia; FSV Mainz v. FV Kaiersl; FC Saarbrucken v. Tura Ludwig.; VfR Kaiersl v. Spfr. Saarbrucken; Neuendorf v. SV Saar 05; SC Ludwig. v. Kreuznach; Phon. L'hafen v. Eintracht Trier.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
FC Kaiersl v. FK Pirmasens; Tura Ludwig. v. Neunkirchen; BSC Oppau v. FC Saarbrucken; SV Saar 05 v. Spfr. Saarbrucken; Wormatia v. FSV Mainz; TuS Neuendorf v. SC Ludwig; Eintracht Trier v. VfR Kaiersl; Kreuznach v. Phon. L'hafen.

WEST
SUNDAY, MARCH 11
Gladbach v. FC Schalke 04; Bor. Dortmund v. FC Koln; Westferlia v. SW Essen; Preuben v. Marl-Huls; Viktoria v. Alem. Aachen; Fort. Dusseldorf v. SV Sodingen; Meiderich v. RW Oberhausen; Duisberg v. Hamborn 07.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
FC Schalke 04 v. Viktoria; FC Koln v. Marl-Huls; Duisberg. SpV v. Westferlia; Alem Aachen v. Preuben; SW Essen v.

The Greeks seem to get up to all sorts of tricks during their soccer matches. This picture was taken during a match between Olympiakos and Nikaia and it shows a fantastic high dive by the Nikaia goalkeeper. The match ended in a 2-0 defeat for Olympiakos. (Keystone.)

Russian goalkeeper Lev Yashin pulls off a brilliant save to tip a shot by the Argentinian inside-forward, Sanfilippo (right in stripes). This was the Russians' first game of their South American tour. They were off to a good start for the Soviets won by 2-1. The Russians then went on to beat both Chile and Uruguay before returning home, undefeated. (Planet 1.)

RW Oberhausen; Hamborn 07 v. Fort. Dusseldorf; SV Sodingen v. Meidericher; Gladbach v. Dortmund.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Dortmund v. FC Schalke 04; Preuben v. FC Koln; Westfertia v. Hamborn 07; Meidericher v. SW Essen; Viktoria v. Gladbach; Fort. Dusseldorf v. Duisberg; RW Oberhausen v. SV Sodingen; Marl-Huls v. Alem Aachen; Fortuna v. Duisburger.

SOUTH

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Eintr. Frankfurt v. SpVgg Furth; BC Augsburg v. FC Nurnberg; 1860 Munchen v. SSV Reutlingen; Kickers Offenbach v. VfR Mennheim; SV Waldhof v. Bayern Munchen; Schwaben v. Bayern Hof; Karlsruher SC v. VfB Stuttgart; FSV Frankfurt v. FC Schweinfurt.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Bayern Hof v. Eintr. Frankfurt; FSV Frankfurt v. FC Nurnberg; SSV Reutlingen v. Offenbach; VfR Mannheim v. 1860 Munchen; Bayern Munchen v. Karlsruher; BC Augsburg v. Schweinfurt; VfB Stuttgart v. SV Waldhof; SpVgg Furth v. Schwaben.

NORTH

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Hamburger SV v. VfL Osnabruck; Werder Bremen v. Bergedorf; Braunschweig v. Hannover 96; Holstein Kiel v. VfB Olenburg; Nordhorn v. Altona 93.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Neumunster v. VfV Hildesheim; Oldenburg v. FC St. Pauli; Bremerhaven v. Holstein Kiel; Bremer SV v. Concordia.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Bergedorf 85 v. Hamburger SV; Werder Bremen v. Nordhorn; VfV Hildesheim v. Bremer SV; Braunschweig v. Holstein Kiel v. Braunschweig; FC St. Pauli v. Altona 93; VfL Osnabruck v. VfB Olenburg; Hannover 96 v. Bremerhaven; VfR Neumunster v. Concordia.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Hamburger SV v FC St. Pauli; Concordia v. Werder Bremen; Osnabruck v. VfV Hildesheim; Bremerhaven v. Braunschweig; Nordhorn v. Bergedorf; Altona 93 v. Hannover 96; Bremer SV v. VfR Neumunster.

WALES

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Aberystwyth v. Haverfordwest; Brecon v. Newport; Caerau v. Lovell's; Gwynfi v. Swansea; Pontardawe v. Cardiff Cors.; Pontllanfraith v. Ebbw Vale; Ton Pentre.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Cardiff City v. Swansea.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Aberystwyth v. Ton Pentre; Abergavenny v. Pontardawe; Barry v. Brecon; Caerau v. Llanelly; Haverfordwest v. Pontllanfraith; Milford v. Lovell's; Newport v. Gwynfi.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Cardiff City v. Abergavenny.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Aberystwyth v. Cardiff Cors.; Abergavenny v. Barry; Ebbw Vale v. Caerau; Gwynfi v. Milford; Llanelly v. Haverfordwest; Lovell's v. Merthyr; Pontardawe v. Brecon; Pontllanfraith v. Newport; Ton Pentre v. Pembroke.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Cardiff City v. Pembroke; Newport v. Haverfordwest.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Barry v. Cardiff Cors.; Ebbw Vale v. Llanelly; Haverfordwest v. Lovell's; Merthyr v. Gwynfi; Newport v. Milford; Pembroke v. Caerau; Pontardawe v. Abergavenny; Pontllanfraith v. Brecon; Ton Pentre v. Aberystwyth; Swansea v. Cardiff City.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Pontardawe v. Newport.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Cardiff City v. Lovell's; Ebbw Vale v. Merthyr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Brecon v. Haverfordwest; Ebbw Vale v. Gwynfi; Lovell's v. Pontllanfraith; Milford v. Merthyr; Pembroke v. Barry; Ton Pentre v. Newport; Cardiff Cors. v. Pontardawe.

Springbok crowds on the up and up

***Tremendous advances in S. African crowds says* NORMAN REICH**

THE United Tobacco Bowl was played out for the first time this season. The top six clubs in the First Division and the winners of the Second Division (Transvaal and O.F.S.) and Second Division (Natal) were concerned. If the Castle Cup winners are not in the top six of the First Division or the top sides of the two Second Divisions then they are also included in the draw, but this season Highlands Park won the Cup and were runners-up in the league.

Attendances at the seven ties played provides interesting reading and shows the tremendous advance that has been made in the South African game since the introduction of professional soccer. Noting that before paid soccer made its bow in the Republic, a crowd of 3,000 on a Saturday afternoon was regarded as capacity and that the games were all played on week-day evenings, the details of the highly successful tournament are given below.

As a result of the Castle Cup and United Tobacco Bowl competitions, Highlands Park and Durban City, who shared the major honours, pocketed handsome profits. Each received almost £4,000 in prize-money while charity benefited by £600.

Despite an extremely successful season in which they won the National Football League championship and the United Tobacco Bowl and also reached the final of the Castle Cup, Durban City ended the campaign with regrets. Three of their star players, Les Salton, Dannie Le Roux and Martin Deetlifs surprised the South African soccer world by leaving and signing on with the neighbours, Durban United. All three are former Springboks and Salton was the League's leading goalscorer in the three seasons of paid soccer which South Africa has had to date. The National Football League has ordered an inquiry.

	attendances	Receipts	Result
QUARTER FINALS:			
Rangers v. Addington	2,894	£387	3–1
Highlands Park v. Benoni United	8,849	£1,128	1–0
Germiston Callies v. Johannesburg Wand.	3,529	£506	2–0
Boksburg v. Durban City	12,692	£1,563	1–2
SEMI-FINALS:			
Highlands Park v. Johannesburg Rangers	13,951	£1,867 10s.	1–0
Durban City v. Germiston Callies	12,075	£1,573 15s.	1–0
FINAL: (RAND STADIUM)			
Durban City v. Highlands Park	33,279	£5,520	4–2

SOME BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE GAMES

MARCH 1962

3—Scotland v. Wales (Amateur); F.A. Amateur Cup (4th round proper).
6—Wrexham v. Bronshoj Boldklab (Copenhagen).
10—F.A. Cup (6th round proper); Scottish Cup (4th round).
14—F.A. Amateur XI v. London University.
17—England v. Scotland (Amateur); England v. Wales (Youth).
21—England Under-23 v. Turkey Under-23 (provisional).
24—F.A. Amateur Cup (semi-finals).
27—Football League v. Scottish League.
31—F.A. Cup (semi-finals); Scottish Cup (semi-finals).

Ladislav Kubala (right) embraces his mother on her arrival recently in Vienna, as he sees her for the first time in 13 years. Kubala left Hungary at that time for a voluntary exile in the West, where he is now playing for the defending European Cup team F.C. Barcelona. His mother has repeatedly asked Hungarian authorities for a visa to visit her son, but did not obtain one until now. She saw her three grandchildren, whom she has never seen, and stayed with Kubala in Barcelona for several weeks. (Planet 1.)

A solution to the transfer turmoil?

THE latest reaction to the European Transfer Turmoil has come from London, in the editorial of the January *F.A. News*. We learn that *"The Football Association is likely to propose that any player having played as an international for any one country, should not be allowed to represent another. Some players have played in international football for three different countries which from the British standpoint is ludicrous."*

This seems to be a bold and forthright step in the right direction, but does it go far enough? It does nothing to clarify the complicated position of the colonial powers, and it provides no new legislation against the use of naturalised players. As I wrote in May WORLD SOCCER: "... the present practice of Spain and Italy of fielding a cosmopolitan eleven must be stamped out before it is too late and the prestige of the World Cup is undermined."

It is already being undermined.

Three Argentinian internationals, Lojocano, Angelillo and Sivori, have already played for Italy in the current Qualifying Competition; so have the naturalised Spaniards, Santamaria, Puskas and Di Stefano, previously capped for Uruguay, Hungary and Argentina respectively. When they play in Chile, it will make a mockery of the World Championship, based as the competition is on rivalry between the representative teams of nations.

We must accept that nothing can be done at Chile; but a great deal could be done before England plays host to the world. I would suggest a series of new regulations based on the following premises:

—no player of foreign birth may play in competitive internationals, except where specific permission is given by the International Federation. Exception would normally be made only in the case of nationals born abroad, or of players born in a colony without an international side of its own;

—no player may play for more than one country in any international, except where independence is granted to his native land after he has already played for its former overlord (e.g. France and Morocco);

—naturalised players may play for the country of their adoption, subject to the above regulations and then only after a three-year qualification period;

—all players with foreign clubs must be released for all full international matches without question;

—a country deemed by F.I.F.A. to have infringed the regulations shall be disqualified or excluded from the World Championships immediately following the infringement.

These regulations would guarantee the status of the World Cup; stop what the English F.A. rightly calls the ludicrous situation of a player gaining caps for three different countries; ensure that every country could call on its best players at will; and limit the use of naturalised players to friendly matches, which grow steadily fewer as each year passes.

So far so good, but we must remember that transfers are between clubs and not countries, and that is the abuse of this system that has resulted in a transfer turmoil. I am by no means happy about the F.A.'s suggestions in this field. They point out that *"Rule 27(d) of the Association does not allow any non-British-born players to play for a club until he has had two years' residence in our country. The F.A. may make a proposal that the same embargo should apply internationally, so that a foreign player would have to wait two years before playing for a club in the country to which he has moved. This would have a dramatic effect on the international movement of players."*

If this proposal is made—the operative word is "may", remember—and if it is accepted, the effect would indeed be dramatic: two years in "cold storage" is not an attractive prospect for clubs or players. But this measure would be a severe set-back to the progress of the game. I said in May that ... "There is nothing fundamentally wrong with international transfers—it is only right that players who cannot earn a high wage in their native country should be allowed to provide for their future by going abroad.... No one can justify criticism of a club which spends money on foreign players when there is a shortage of home talent ..." and I see no reason to alter my opinions.

If a country embracing professionalism wishes to keep her best players at home, she must raise the level of both play and pay accordingly.

But of course, there is not the shortage of home talent in Spain and Italy that the indiscriminate buying suggests: some clubs have been quite irresponsible in their desire to spend lira and pesetas left, right and centre. Some new signings, when they fail to live up to expectations, are put into reserve teams ... at the expense of young talent. Others, just as unfortunate, are placed on the giddy roundabout of domestic transfers, often to be sold for a much-reduced fee.

Apart from the host of unsatisfactory restrictions instituted spasmodically around the world, there seems to be but one solution to the problem: a 30% tariff on every transfer fee, international or domestic, involving a foreign-born player, the extra money to be paid by the purchaser into a pool supervised by its Football League. If the annual proceedings were divided equally amongst the clubs in the League, the smaller units would have greater financial security, while the "super-clubs" would be unable to make a long series of expensive purchases as they do at present. If Real Madrid, for instance, bought Pele for £250,000—whether in sterling, or a combination of sterling, a player exchange and friendly matches—they would have to pay an additional and formidable sum of £75,000 into the Spanish League Pool.

Roger Macdonald

FRENCH FOCUS

by

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Season of hot air in France

THE current French self-searching analysis one must confess at this stage has all the looks of superficial lip-service which is liekly to result in the end in nothing more than a closed file, hastily compiled, and never digested. For every criticism there has been an answer. One potent attack on Georges Verriest as selector rested on an invidious comparison with his remarkable predecessor, the late and much lamented strong man of French football, Paul Nicholas. It has been said that the success of France in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden stemmed primarily from Nicholas's team selection and his ability to build up a collective spirit.

The latter achievement is undeniable, though I personally think that Karl Rappan's success with the Swiss side over Sweden in the present World Cup eliminator is a more remarkable accomplishment. But as regards team selection, it is not irrelevant to point out that the great French forward-line of 1958 was created by accident. Fontaine, who became the leading goalscorer in Sweden, went to the 1958 World Cup *as a reserve* and only won his place owing to an injury in training to Bliard! It is of such odd occurrences that history is made.

I hold no particular brief for Verriest; indeed, the only possible standard for judgement in the ruthless atmosphere of international competitive football today is results. Verriest has not achieved them; he should therefore depart. His place should be taken by a sole selector and manager chosen for his past achievements as a manager of a football team and not merely as a person "in" with the authorities. There is now talk of such an appointment and a number of names come to mind: Albert Batteux of Reims, Kader Firoud of Nîmes, Pierre Pibarot of Racing Club of Paris and Jean Snella, at present ruling the Swiss roost as manager of Servette. But I fear there will remain only talk.

It is even reported that the special committee set up by French football to enquire into the defeat by Bulgaria and to propose reforms aimed at an overall renovation and revitalisation of the national football scene at all levels was unable to conduct its business at its first meeting. There was no quorum! This is perhaps the best evidence available of how the hot air blazing around is being diverted into constructive channels!

After the selector, the players, the public, the schools, journalists and, indeed, everybody in sight, comes the Government. The story went around that on the day of the match v. Bulgaria in the World Cup play-off in Milan someone called the office of the High Commissioner (the nearest equivalent to a Minister) for Sport, famed Annapura climber Maurice Herzog, to find out who would be attending the match. Herzog is alleged to have replied himself with the question, "What's going on in Milan?" Now Mr. Herzog, whose indifference to football seems clear, has publicly taken position in an interview published in *L'Equipe*. He asserts that since French football never sought the help of the Government, the Government did not see any need to interfere. This constructive attitude towards the desperate need for more playing-fields and training grounds for the young footballer and a proper status for the professional footballer will hardly be welcomed. Secondly, the High Commissioner finds that those who are in charge of football are suffering from what he calls diseased spines. This, he says, is the origin of the crisis in French football. So be it. But beyond this there is nothing in the declarations of Mr. Herzog which goes beyond the moribund platitudes that abound in every provincial newspaper article. In my view, nothing short of three successive eliminations from the World Cup will stir French football. It has a conscience, that is certain; but that conscience cannot break through the hidebound traditions and inarticulate conservatism that is slowly choking the world game in France. There are enlightened thinkers — Henri Germain, President of Reims, is one who is entitled to be listened to in view of the achievements (both in matter and manner) of his club. His is, however, a voice in the wilderness.

The public, anyway, does not seem perturbed. Indeed crowd attendances were up in January A.M. (After Milan) over December, 1961! The Championship is in turmoil. Leaders Nîmes were convincingly beaten by Reims; Monaco thrashed at St. Etienne 5-0 and beaten at Strasbourg; St. Etienne mauled in their turn 6-0 by Metz, barely recovered from their 11-1 hiding in Paris. Nice defeat Reims and Racing defeat Nice. Monaco then defeat Rennes and Racing win at Sedan. Finally, as January drew to a close, Stade Français won at Reims 4-0 and it is a long time since anything like that happened, whilst Lyons, fielding the youngest forward-line in France, ran rings round a Racing depleted by 'flu to the tune of 4-0.

The result of all this is that Nîmes had a three point lead at the top of the league though only seven points separated them from Toulouse lying ninth in the table, and at the other end only five points divided Angers in tenth place from the bottom club Le Havre; indeed there were only three points difference between the bottom eight clubs! In other words: anything can happen.

Varini, goalkeeper of Racing Club de Paris, hangs on to the ball for dear life despite being hampered by Grosshans (7) of Rennes. Looking on is Gorskoff of Racing. This was a French Cup tie and was won by Racing, 3-1. (Planet I.)

Swiss forward Charles Antenen (extreme right) is seen in action during the Switzerland v. Sweden international match in Berne. The Swiss won this World Cup match and so forced a play-off with Sweden. They caused what was one of the biggest surprises of the qualifying competition by beating Sweden and so qualifying for the finals in Chile. Manager Karl Rappan is as surprised as any and now is busily planning for a World Cup Final shock as well. (Planet 1.)

Rappan is in raptures

KEY MEN IN THE 1962 WORLD CUP CONTEST

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that he intended to do so again in July!

Karl Rappan earned four caps with Austria in 1927 and served with Wacker, Rapid and FK Austria before ending his career with Servette (Geneva). Later he became the club coach; designed the Swiss "bolt" tactical system and had a further spell in charge of Grasshoppers. With Swiss football — amateur and struggling — the national team was literally on the floor when he was persuaded back into office in 1960 to prepare the team for the World Championship.

One of the conditions imposed by Rappan was that he should have a completely free hand. The press, public, players and other officials have disagreed with Rappan and many have criticised his methods, but none can challenge their effect. Switzerland have qualified for Chile and there was no other man in their game that could have effected such a startling, near miraculous transformation!

His first charge was to restore some degree of confidence and to do this he fell back on the "old guard", the players who were past their best and out of the running for the World Cup in the minds of others. Immediately there was an improvement, and slowly the face of the team began to change as younger players were introduced. With two years to Chile and only half that time before the qualifying matches began, the process could not be prolonged. In the final analysis Rappan's team was probably a little fortunate to overcome Sweden who beat them 4-0 in Stockholm a year ago.

Successful margins

To reach Chile, Switzerland had to beat Sweden in Berne and then defeat them again in a play-off, staged at the Olympic Stadion in Berlin. Scores of 3-2 and 2-1 were their successful margins and each time they had to fight back after conceding an early goal. In the play-off they were trailing 1-0 for an hour and scored both the goals that clinched their qualification in a five-minute spell in the last half-hour. Independent spectators judged them fortunate but so often luck goes to those who deserve it and I would not want to detract anything from Karl Rappan's success.

Between Sepp Herberger and Karl Rappan there are a great many similarities of method. Each is a disciplinarian; strict but readily approachable. Like Herberger, Rappan has the gift of getting the best from his players, breaking down the personal characteristics in the style of each individual and welding their overall abilities into one unit.

Soon after the Swiss had settled their claims to a place in Chile, one of their players said: "There'll be fifteen World Class teams in Chile, and us." Frankly this is an assessment that meets with general approval. On the other side of the balance sheet, however, it must be acknowledged that they did beat much fancied Sweden and while their players may be below par, they have in Karl Rappan one of the most competent coaches in the business.

At the time of writing the man in charge (nominally at least) of the Colombian party is not known. It may be thought that in the circumstances it would have been better to wait and spotlight the new man in a later issue, but to do this would have meant overlooking the achievements of Adolfo Pedernera. An Argentinian by birth Pedernera was one of the large band that became outlaws when they moved to Colombia in 1950, but unlike the majority he stayed on after his playing days with the Millionarios F.C. were over. Rated by Di Stefano as the greatest inside-forward in the game, Pedernera is the man quoted by the Madrid centre-forward as being greatly responsible for his development.

Though other trainers have been replaced following failure to qualify for the World Cup, Pedernera's problems presented themselves after he had successfully navigated his way to Chile. Paradoxical perhaps, but nevertheless simple to explain.

When Colombia were paired with Peru in the qualifying round, they were given practically no chance of success. The F.A. had little money to spare for lavish preparations and appeared almost disinterested — until overnight the situation took on a different complexion. Once Peru had been beaten the F.A. swung into action and within a few days the party for Chile was announced. Had this party been made up by the players it would have been understandable but the twenty-two names were all officials. Pedernera was demoted to "trainer" while a three-man selection committee and a team manager were all placed over his head. Naturally Pedernera resigned and though he has a great deal of support he seems doomed to remain an outcast. In the end he may have the last laugh for the Colombians have got themselves into such a terrible domestic tangle that there is doubt about their ability to send a team to Chile and in January the F.I.F.A. Organising Committee asked for an assurance that Colombia would be represented by a strong team!

At the time of writing this seems doubtful, but whatever happens their qualification adds fuel to the arguments of those, like myself, who advocate *one* all-powerful coach for each team.

Of the teams who will gather in Chile at the end of May, the majority will be in the charge of one man. Exceptions will be Italy, England, Russia and Yugoslavia. Yet though these four sides could be amongst the most successful I cannot change my views on this most vital point. One of the most popular fallacies in football is the belief that a three-man committee is ideal. If one man can dominate the committee all may be well, but those who hold this view invariably back their number by pointing out that disagreements will be settled by the odd man!

In football, there is no room for disagreement, when choosing a side or drawing up a tactical plan. It must be a team playing to a plan and if the power is invested in more than *one* person, the decisions must always be based on compromise. Point out to the die-hards that it would be folly to appoint three architects to draw up plans and supervise the erection of one building. If all have equal authority the result would be a shambles. Similarly it would be disastrous to allow three conductors to mount the rostrum and simultaneously attempt to control one orchestra. In engineering and in music this has never been disputed, but in football . . . !

Intriguing facets

One of the most intriguing facets of the World Cup will be the battle of wits that will go on in the background between the respective trainers. Baroti for example will spend hours just thinking about how Winterbottom would react to hypothetical tactical problems, while Riera will wonder how the West German team will shape compared with the side he met last March. They all know each other, they all have a good idea how their opposite numbers think and for each of them this is a vital part of the preparations. Like highly skilled poker players they will try to outwit each other. They all face the same problems; they will all be closely watched by the "enemy" and they all have the same ambition—to reach the final without revealing the strength of their hand!

This is a facet of the game to which the average spectator gives little thought but it is nevertheless true that many a match has been lost before the kick-off through a blunder on the part of the trainer, coach or team manager whatever you want to call him.

The Scots' big task

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quite as much as Bill Brown—having faced Eire (twice), Ireland, Wales and the Czechs in Bratislava, and so, although possibly the "outsider" of the three, Leslie could well be recalled to the international arena, and with no fear of letting the side down, as they put it. Injuries have certainly been the cause of his drift to the least fancied position in the betting market.

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Quite unexpected

It is not unknown, or unheard of for the Scottish Selectors to come out with something quite unexpected by way of a team selection and, if they play true to form this year, and again include some "dark horse" in the ranks, it could be yet another goalkeeper—the brilliant young Aberdonian, John Ogston. As rugged as the granite of the northerly Scots city in which he plays most of his club football, the powerfully-constructed Ogston (6 ft. 1½ in., 12 st. 6 lb.) has, not surprisingly, been afforded the nickname "Tubby". His hulking appearance can, and indeed is, most deceptive, however, for this remarkably agile young man, who displays few histrionics and even fewer emotions in getting on with the job, has been the Scotland Under-23 goalkeeper for quite some time now. He will, barring serious accident, almost certainly find himself in even loftier perches ere his goalkeeping career comes to its close. Whether or not he will be elevated to the full Scotland side this season remains to be seen; suffice to say that his displays while keeping goal regularly for the British Army impressed not only their authorities, but many of his country's top soccer legislators, too.

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Their last lines

These, then, are Scotland's four "last lines of defence"—one of whom, almost certainly, will be called upon to prevent a repetition of last year's 9-3 humiliation. I am not inviting the Selectors to participate in the well-known party game when I say that all that remains now is for them to "choose, choose wha you'll tak. . . ." When the choice is made, though, I only hope that the man who gets the job, along with every Scottish supporter, will remember a player who was not even considered—Frank Haffey, of Celtic, who played in the last two Scotland-England clashes; who experienced at first hand the feeling of being beaten nine times before a crowd of 100,000; who has slipped with dramatic suddenness from the giddy heights of the international arena to a position among the "has beens" while still only in his mid-twenties. What a difference twelve months have made in the life of the ever-smiling Haffey, now, it seems, condemned to a career only at club level. He deserves some sympathy, surely; and a silent thought from us all come April 14. What happened to Haffey might have happened to anyone. Fate decreed it was to be him, and cruelly chose the greatest occasion in the British soccer calendar to see the deed done.

Enthusiasm over Egypt

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the first game and the second tussle against Bulgaria on the Monday evening.

Changes were many for the Bulgaria game. Of the side which had met Yugoslavia, only left-half Samir, outside-right Rida, and the left wing combination of Corari and Scirbini were retained. Outside-left Scirbini, in fact, was the only player in the party to be retained for all three of the games.

Bulgaria—with a goal in each half—crisply eliminated the United Arab Republic again, their final game against Turkey being a mere formality.

Raabat netted in the first half, but the Turks changed over, 2-1 ahead. Two snap goals from half-back Kottb gave the U.A.R. the initiative but Turkey equalised towards the end.

Egypt's solitary international success was in the Second Mediterranean Games, held in Barcelona in 1955. She was runner-up to Greece in the First Games held in Alexandria, Egypt.

The Egyptians also did well in the Arabian Games in Beirut in 1953. Subsequently, her participation in the World Military Championships has been regular, but never successful.

The Military Championships were started in 1950 by Italy and Belgium but in 1951 Egypt and France joined and since then Egypt has been a regular competitor. She finished behind the winners, Italy, in her initial entry and has since twice finished joint second. In 1955 she shared the runner-up spot with Italy and the following year with Portugal and Turkey.

The domestic season extends from September to late March, as in Britain and the Northern Hemisphere. The emphasis is on development in the schools. The National F.A. takes a keen interest in schools soccer, and organises many representative fixtures, besides running national and regional competitions.

Egypt has always been proud of her Army, and lately the Military administrators have seen in soccer an ideal method of relaxation for keyed-up troops.

During the past few years a number of Central and Eastern European coaches have been imported, and this has tended to give the Egyptian brand of soccer a cosmopolitan flavour.

Four years ago, Egypt first introduced professional soccer. A keen competition has been developed, with the Zamelek Sporting Club of Cairo possibly emerging as the most successful. They recently were hosts to the fabulous Real Madrid but were beaten 4-1. This match broke two Egyptian national records: the crowd of 100,000 was easily Egypt's best, while record receipts of £20,000 were taken.

Zamelek showed their class against another European champion squad. This time it was Young Boys F.C. of Switzerland, who made a whistle-stop tour on their way home from a successful tour of the Far East. Zamelek impressed all who witnessed their 3-1 win.

Egypt regularly receives visits from a good cross section of the world's best footballers. Brazil — the world champions — recently dropped in for a two-match engagement with the national eleven on their way around the world as preparation for the Chile World Cup finals. Egypt improved on the first showing (beaten 5-0) to bring the best out of the Brazilians. They held them to 3-1.

Hungary also recently met them, but their performance was unimpressive on the hard ground, which obviously suited the Egyptian style. They pulled out all stops to win 2-0.

Yugoslavia also visited Egypt and won by a solitary goal. However, in searching the record books, it is hard to find any mention of Egyptian internationals abroad. Apart from attending the Olympic Games and the World Military Championships, Egypt seems to shy away from foreign visits. This could well be the answer to her troubles.

Mud-baked grounds

Her experience is confined to playing on her almost unique mud-baked grounds, while, when she enters for the Games or the World Cup, she often finds totally different playing surfaces, and this is usually worth at least a goal start to the opposition. Tours abroad, through a variety of different climates and countries, could help to improve the Egyptian returns.

Up until the present time, these have been meagre, but the enthusiasm and flair which the Egyptians hold for soccer deserves better, and possibly a new golden decade is just around the corner.

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Players, reserves and trainers of Malta's Floriana F.C. together with the Cassar Cup and Malta F.A. trophy which the side won last year. Reading from left to right: (Standing), Trainer Wilson, Farrugia L., Azzopardi, Farrugia, Mackay, Alamango, Fabri, Debattista, Bonnett, Barry and Trainer Tedder; (Sitting), Vella-James, Cauchi, Dalli, Demmanuele, Cauchi, Borg, Musu and (Squatting), Mallia and Sultana. (Photo: Paul Gauci.)

Malta tourney a success

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THE Malta Christmas Soccer Tourney ended with the Yugoslav side, Sarajevo, who had on the previous day lost to Sliema Wanderers 2-1, drawing with Valletta when the latter managed to equalise dramatically towards the end of the match.

Unlike many of the foreign sides visiting Malta in recent years, the Yugoslavs were unable to maintain an unbeaten record. Sarajevo figured in four matches, winning their games against the League Champions Hibernians 5-0 and Floriana 3-1. Then they lost at the hands of Sliema, 2-1, and finished their tour with a 1-1 draw against Valletta.

After making short shrift of the Hibernians and Florians it was expected that Sarajevo would overrun Sliema W., who this year seem to have lost their form. However the Wanderers have a tradition of playing well against foreign sides and this year they made no exception and much to the delight of their supporters they confounded the critics to bring off the sensational win of the season, thus ending the year on a happy note.

A feature of the Sliema-Sarajevo game was the fact that Sliema introduced their second string goalie, Debono, and the latter had a brilliant début, bringing off some excellent saves. Also in fine form was S. Nicholl, who scored both Sliema's goals.

Hibernian (0) **0**

Sarajevo (0) **3** (Arslanagish, Prinlinchevich, Shejovic)

Hibernian: Mizzi (A.); Privitera, Ellul (A.) (Sultana); Anastasi, Attard, Theobald (L.); Church, Ellul (E.) (Schembri), Mizzi (J.), Theobald (E.), Xuereb.

Sarajevo: Planicich (Bilic); Biogradlich, Vujovich; Fazlavich, Markuschevic, Zmogoraq; Shehovic, Arslaragisch, Ferhatovic (Mjoc), Prinlinchevich (Blaxevich), Mituschovich.

Floriana (1) **1** (D'Emmanuele)

Sarajevo (1) **3** (Prinlinchevich 2, Markushevich)

Floriana: Alamango; Debattista, Farrugia; Bonnett (Sultana), Azzopardi, Vella-James; Borg, Dalli, Cauchi, Bencti, D'Emmanuele.

Sarajevo: Bilic; Biogradlich, Zronogras; Vukovich, Fazlagich, Markuschevich; Shehovic, Arslanagich, Ferhatovic, Prlinchovic, Mitushovich (Blazevic).

Sliema Wanderers 2 (Nicholl 2)

Sarajevo 1 (Prinlinchevich)

Sliema: Debono (J.); Bonnici (J.), Gollcher; Mifsud, Bonnici (S.), Buttagieg; Muscat (Griffiths), Cini, Mizzi (Spiteri), Bonnet, Nicholl.

Sarajevo: Planinich; Djachich (Beogradich), Vuzovich; Dsemdsnich (Fazlagich), Stipich (Cronogorac), Markusevich; Mioc, Arslnagich, Ferhatovich, Prinlinchevich, Mituschevich.

Valletta 1 (Urpani)

Sarajevo 1 (Mioc)

Valletta: Zarb Cousin; Bone, Schembri; Williams, Cilia, Borg; Zammit (J.), Urpani, Azzopardi (Callela), Gauci, Rapinett (Attard).

Sarajevo: Bilic; Beogradlic, Vujovic; Fazlagich, Crnogorac, Markusevic; Blazevic, Mioc, Ferhatovic, Prlincevoc, Arslanagic.

At the same time as the Sarajevo visit, Malta also played host to Ittihad S.C., the leading football team from Tripoli, Libya.

Ittihad figured in two matches which they lost by the identical scores of 6-2. The matches played were against Valletta at the Empire Stadium and versus the Hibernian side at the Schreiber Sports Ground.

Significant

The victories obtained by the two Maltese sides are significant in that Ittihad, before they came to Malta had lost by 3-1 and 3-2 against the crack Spanish side Espanol of Barcelona, when the latter made a short tour of Tripoli.

Lolly Borg, who plays for Floriana and the Maltese national side, has been chosen as "Sportsman of the Year" after a ballot was organised by the local sports magazine, *Sporting Star*.

Lolly Borg, who is of a shy and retiring nature, is considered to be one of Malta's cleverest footballers. He plays at inside-forward and is the brains behind Floriana's recent success.

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Challenge Shield (and a miniature for retention) by the local cigarette firm of Carreras at a reception held at the Phoenicia Hotel, Floriana.

Freddie Mizzi, the goalkeeper who played for Hibernians in the European Cup in Switzerland and who also keeps goal for his country, is undergoing a course in laundry in England, where he will be staying till April of this year.

Mizzi, during his stay in England, may be joining Portsmouth.

Soon to appear in publication will be the *Malta Whistler*, a magazine which is to be compiled by the Malta Referees. The idea behind the issue of this magazine is to publicise their activities and also to educate the masses on the art of refereeing!

One of the striking features of the picture in Maltese soccer these days is the big effort which Floriana's football club is making to sweep all local football honours.

Floriana, who are traditionally one of the finest football sides in the island and who from the inception of football here have practically always appeared in the roll of honours, are after a short lapse making a determined bid to clear all major football honours in Malta. This year Floriana have already acquired the Scicluna Cup (played annually between the League leaders and the winners of the Cassar Cup) when they beat Hibernians of Pawla by two goals to one.

At the end of the first leg of Malta's football First Division League which is played between eight teams, Floriana have finished on top and have acquired 14 points from seven matches, thus remaining unbeaten and setting up a new record which has only been achieved once by Sliema W. F.C.

At the Empire Stadium, Gzira, Floriana managed to force a draw to make the score 2-2 after trailing two goals down against their inveterate rivals Sliema W. in the Cassar Cup Semi-Final competition.

Like Floriana, one of the teams in this island with the greatest traditions is that of Sliema Wanderers F.C. These two sides, in fact, are officially known as the Rangers and Celtic of local soccer.

During the past three years, after a brilliant season when the Wanderers carried all the honours of local soccer, that is League Division One, Cassar Cup and the Scicluna Cup, the Blues went into a slump which it seems is difficult to arrest. This year has not been a good season either, but though lying fourth in the league the Wanderers came back to form when against all expectations they were the only local side which beat the foreign Christmas Tourney visitors, Sarajevo, by two goals to one. Since that match on December 23, 1961, Sliema have not looked back and they have never been beaten.

BIG NEW ZEALAND COMPETITION

NEW Zealand is poised to start a season which could well go down in the books as the turning-point of the game in the Dominion. The coming season will see semi-professionalism for the first time, large-scale sponsorship of tournaments for the first time, and also for the first time the serious competition between clubs for the best players.

The impetus has been given by the announcement, at the end of last season, of the intention of a famous cigarette manufacturing firm, to sponsor a £1,000 inter-club tournament, open to all clubs in the four main centres—Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. In the wake of this announcement, in the short time of a few months, there have been moves towards semi-professionalism in some clubs, and much work underground with the aim of taking the major money (writes D. D. M. Stewart).

The firm has split up its £1,000 as follows—£100 to the winner of the competition in each of the four main centres, then two semi-finals to be played, one in each island. The semi-finals will be played on a home-and-away basis, with £50 for the winner of each game and another £50 for the over-all winner. When the two finalists are found, they will again play home-and-away, with £100 for the winner of each game and £100 and the trophy for the over-all winner.

The game in the Dominion has always been on a strictly amateur basis, the main reason being that no clubs possess their own grounds.

The new tournament could mean £550 to the winning club, if that team wins both its semi-final and both its final matches. This is big money in football in New Zealand.

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THE WORLD CUP

Two Uruguayan stars in action above. On the left, Juan Santa and (right) Emilio Alvarez. Santa is Penarol's centre-forward with a powerful two-foot shot, but he was beaten to the ball on this occasion. Alvarez, incidentally, is left-half of the Uruguay national team. (Planet.)

BELOW the records of the sixteen finalists in the World Cup in Chile are given for the year 1961. World Cup qualifying matches are denoted with the letters WC. Qualifying games played during 1960 are not included.

However these matches and the other internationals quoted, you will see at a glance the achievements of the competing finalists during the past twelve months.

Also listed in this feature is the draw for the actual final stages of the competition and the dates on which the games will be played.

Finally there are a few interesting facts concerning the World Cup which might not be known to those interested in the competition.

From time to time until the actual matches are played WORLD SOCCER readers will be kept up to date with events as they happen in this competition.

Naturally when the actual finals take place we shall be featuring a full coverage of the matches. Our men on the spot will be contributing interesting features with a local flavour. It is as well to remember that our companion magazine, the weekly SOCCER STAR, will also be devoted at the same time to the World Cup.

With a weekly round-up of events plus match details this extra feature should prove of double value to readers already familiar with WORLD SOCCER.

GROUP ONE

URUGUAY

Bolivia – Uruguay 1-1 (WC); Uruguay – Bolivia 2-1 (WC); Chile – Uruguay 2-3; Uruguay–Russia 1-2; Uruguay – Hungary 1-1.

COLOMBIA

Colombia – United States 2-0; Peru–Colombia 1-1 (WC); Colombia–Peru 1-0 (WC).

U.S.S.R.

Poland – Russia 1-0; Russia–Turkey 1-0 (WC); Russia–Argentina 0-0; Russia–Norway 5-2 (WC); Norway–Russia 0-3 (WC); Russia–Austria 0-1; Russia–Turkey 2-1 (WC); Argentina–Russia 1-2; Chile–Russia 0-1; Uruguay–Russia 1-2.

YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia – Hungary 2-4; Yugoslavia – Morocco 3-2; Poland – Yugoslavia 1-1 (WC); Yugoslavia – Poland 2-1 (WC); Yugoslavia – South Korea 5-1 (WC); Yugoslavia–Austria 2-1; South Korea – Yugoslavia 1-3 (WC); Japan–Yugoslavia 0-1; Indonesia–Yugoslavia 1-5; Israel–Yugoslavia 0-2.

ONLY EIGHT WEEKS AWAY

GROUP TWO

CHILE

Chile – Peru 5-2; Chile – West Germany 3-1; Chile–Brazil 1-2; Chile–Brazil 0-1; Chile–Uruguay 2-3; Chile–Russia 0-1; Chile–Hungary 5-1; Chile–Hungary 0-0.

SWITZERLAND

Switzerland–Austria 0-5; Switzerland–Belgium 2-1 (WC); Sweden–Switzerland 4-0 (WC); Switzerland–Sweden 3-2 (WC); Switzerland–Sweden 2-1 (WC).

WEST GERMANY

West Germany – Belgium 1-0; Chile – West Germany 3-1; Morocco – West Germany 1-2; West Germany–Ireland 2-1 (WC); West Germany – Denmark 5-1; Poland–West Germany 0-2; West Germany–Greece 2-1 (WC).

ITALY

Italy–Ireland 3-2; Italy–England 2-3; Italy–Argentina 4-1; Israel–Italy 2-4 (WC); Italy–Israel 6-0 (WC).

GROUP THREE

BRAZIL

Chile–Brazil 1-2; Chile–Brazil 0-1; Brazil–Paraguay 3-2; Brazil–Paraguay 2-0.

MEXICO

Costa Rica–Mexico 1-0 (WC); Mexico – Antilles 7-0 (WC); Mexico–Costa Rica 4-1 (WC); Holland–Mexico 1-2; Czechoslovakia – Mexico 2-1; England – Mexico 8-0; Norway – Mexico 1-1; Antilles–Mexico 0-0 (WC); Mexico – Paraguay 1-0 (WC); Paraguay–Mexico 0-0 (WC).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Czechoslovakia – Sweden 2-1; Czechoslovakia – Mexico 2-1; Czechoslovakia – Scotland 4-0 (WC); Czechoslovakia–Argentina 3-3; Scotland–Czechoslovakia 3-2 (WC); Eire – Czechoslovakia 1-3 (WC); Czechoslovakia – Eire 7-1 (WC); Czechoslovakia – Scotland 4-2 (WC).

SPAIN

Spain–France 2-0; Wales–Spain 1-2 (WC); Spain–Wales 1-1 (WC); Spain–Argentina 2-0; Morocco–Spain 0-1 (WC); Spain–Morocco 3-2 (WC); France–Spain 1-1.

GROUP FOUR

ARGENTINA

Paraguay–Argentina 0-0; Portugal–Argentina 0-2; Spain–Argentina 2-0; Italy–Argentina 4-1; Czechoslovakia – Argentina 3-3; Russia – Argentina 0-0; Argentina–Paraguay 5-1; Argentina–Russia 1-2.

BULGARIA

Poland–Bulgaria 1-1; Finland–Bulgaria 0-2 (WC); Bulgaria–Finland 3-1 (WC); Bulgaria–France 1-0 (WC); Bulgaria–France 1-0 (WC); Belgium–Bulgaria 4-0.

HUNGARY

Egypt–Hungary 0-2; Hungary–East Germany 2-0 (WC); Holland–Hungary 0-3 (WC); Yugoslavia–Hungary 2-4; Hungary–Wales 3-2; Hungary–Austria 1-2; East Germany – Hungary 2-3 (WC); Austria – Hungary 2-1; Hungary – Holland 3-3 (WC); Chile–Hungary 5-1; Uruguay–Hungary 1-1; Chile–Hungary 0-0.

ENGLAND

England – Scotland 9-3; England–Mexico 8-0; Portugal–England 1-1 (WC); Italy–England 2-3; Austria–England 3-1; England – Luxembourg 4-1 (WC); Wales – England 1-1; England–Portugal 2-0 (WC); England–Ireland 1-1.

Complete World Cup Chart

GROUP ONE (at Arica)	GROUP TWO (at Santiago)
Uruguay	Chile
Columbia	Switzerland
U.S.S.R.	West Germany
Yugoslavia	Italy

Group matches:	Group matches:
May 30—Uruguay v. Colombia	May 30—Chile v. Switzerland
May 31—U.S.S.R. v. Yugoslavia	May 31—W. Germany v. Italy
June 2—Uruguay v. Yugoslavia	June 2—Chile v. Italy
June 3—Colombia v. U.S.S.R.	June 3—W. Germ'y v. Switz'rl'd
June 6—Uruguay v. U.S.S.R.	June 6—Chile v. W. Germany
June 7—Colombia v. Yugoslavia	June 7—Switzerland v. Italy

QUARTER FINALS (to be played on June 10)
WINNERS Group One v. RUNNERS-UP Group Two (Arica)
WINNERS Group Two v. RUNNERS-UP Group One (Santiago)

GROUP THREE (at Vina del Mar)	GROUP FOUR (at Rancagua)
Brazil	Argentina
Mexico	Bulgaria
Spain	Hungary
Czechoslovakia	England

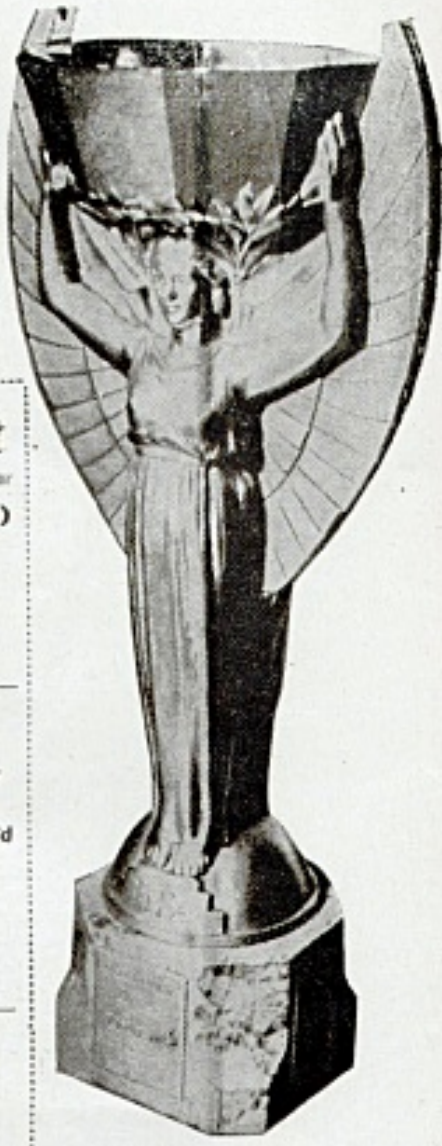
Group matches:	Group matches:
May 30—Brazil v. Mexico	May 30—Argentina v. Bulgaria
May 31—Spain v. Czechoslovakia	May 31—Hungary v. England
June 2—Brazil v. Czechoslov'kia	June 2—Argentina v. England
June 3—Mexico v. Spain	June 3—Bulgaria v. Hungary
June 6—Brazil v. Spain	June 6—Argentina v. Hungary
June 7—Mexico v. Czechs.	June 7—Bulgaria v. England

QUARTER FINALS (to be played on June 10)
WINNERS Group Three v. RUNNERS-UP Group Four (Vina del Mar)
WINNERS Group Four v. RUNNERS-UP Group Three (Rancagua)

SEMI-FINALS (to be played on June 13)
WINNERS at Arica v. WINNERS at Vina del Mar (Vina del Mar)
WINNERS at Rancagua v. WINNERS at Santiago (Santiago)

MATCH FOR THIRD PLACE (to be played on June 16 in Santiago)
LOSERS of the two semi-finals

THE FINAL (to be played on June 17 in Santiago)
WINNERS of the semi-finals.



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